ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR REMINDERS
A reminder that for MS 2, the first day of classes is Monday, January 2, 2012. Administrative offices are closed on January 2. The registration deadline for Spring 2012 is Tuesday, January 3, 2012, which includes the payment of your tuition bill.
As was previously stated in email(s), MS 1 and clerkships will start on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Students taking electives must check with their elective preceptors for their schedules as they may have a different start date.

JACKSON-STEINDEL ORTHOPAEDIC CLERKSHIP, 2012
at the University of Iowa selects 2 students who will have completed the third year. Application deadline March 30, 2012. To to www.uiortho.com/RJSO.htm

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. Application deadline February 17, 2012.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ANESTHESIA? The Anesthesia residency programs are hosting informational presentations about their anesthesiology residency programs on Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 9 am-5 pm at the 7th floor of the Marriott Marquis, 1535 Broadway in the Columbia-Duffy Room in conjunction with the Post-Graduate Assembly in Anesthesiology. For more information, contact Dr. Christopher Gallagher at Christopher.Gallagher@sbmed.org

STANFORD CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH (CTR) SCHOLARS PROGRAM (September 16-October 21, 2012) is for third year medical students from diverse backgrounds. Application deadline February 1, 2012. Flyer in the Residency section of the student affairs student newsletter website. For more information, go to http://med.stanford.edu/diversity/cts/ctr-scholars.html


WOMEN IN SURGERY SYMPOSIUM
May 31-June 2, 2012 at Johns Hopkins. Flyer on the newsletter page of the Student Affairs website.

KEYSTONE SYMPOSIA
These 55 research conferences span all facets of the life sciences. This is an opportunity to learn about late breaking research, build collaborations, present a poster or possibly be selected for a short talk. Items of note: 1) Keystone Symposia Scholarships provides up to $1200 to students to attend a Keystone Symposia conference. Deadlines are 4 months before each conference meeting; 2) Keystone Symposia Underrepresented Minority (URM) Scholarships provide up to $1200 to students from URM backgrounds to attend a conference; 3) Global Health Travel Award is to assist attendance of students from countries where the meeting topic health problems are indigenous.

For more information about all three items, go to the following URL http://www.keystonesymposia.org/SubDirDefault.cfm?MenuNumber=4
For the list of the 55 research conferences, go to the following URL http://www.keystonesymposia.org/Meetings/ListMeetings.cfm

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

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/student_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
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON-NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH/NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS AND STROKE JOINT DOCTORAL TRAINING PROGRAM is an accelerated graduate program. For more information, go to http://www.icn.ucl.ac.uk/nih-gpp/ Application deadline January 3, 2012.

NIH OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARS PROGRAM is an accelerated, individualized doctoral training program for outstanding science students committed to biomedical research careers. The program is based on the British system in which students perform doctoral research without required formal courses. For more information, go to http://oxcam.gpp.ni.gov/ Application deadline January 3, 2012.

HIV VACCINE RESEARCH GRANTS seeking African-American and Hispanic Students
Application deadline January 10, 2012 For more information, go to www.hvto.org/ramp
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISEASES offers a one year research opportunity where you can seek funding. The information is at the following URL:
http://www2.niddk.nih.gov/Funding/TrainingCareerDev/MSRTGuidelines.htm
The deadline is April 15, 2012 for the 2012-2013 year.

Howard Hughes Research Training Fellowships for Medical Students (Medical Fellows Program - non-cloister)
This program permits medical 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 http://www.hhmi.org/medfellowships
The HHMI Cloister Program at the NIH is not available this year. http://www.hhmi.org/cloister/apply.html

THE SARNOFF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
This program offers medical students who have completed their second or third year of medical school the opportunity to conduct research for one year. Prior research experience is not a prerequisite. The annual stipend is $28,500. The fellowship program’s website is www.SaroffFoundation.org. Application deadline is January 11, 2012.

NIH MEDICAL RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM
This new, year long research enrichment program combines the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI)-NIH Research Scholars Program and the NIH Clinical Research Training (CRTP) Program. The application submission period is October 1, 2011-January 17, 2012. The application is available now. For more information about this program, the application form and other details, go to the following URL: http://www.cc.nih.gov/training/mrsp/index.html

We currently have a student in the NIH Clinical Research Training 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/International-Opportunities/ Application available October 1 and the deadline is January 12, 2012.

We currently have a student in this program

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE DORIS DUKE FOUNDATION
http://www.ddcf.org/Medical-Research/Program-Strategies/Clinical-Research/Clinical-Research-Fellowship-for-Medical-Students/International-Opportunities/
We currently have a student in the UCSF program.

ASPH/CDC ALLAN ROSENFIELD GLOBAL HEALTH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
For those who earned a MPH from a qualifying Public Health program within the last five years. https://fellowships.asph.org/programs/details.cfm?programID=5%260

NIH/FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM
The Global Health Program for Fellows and Scholars is replacing the Fogarty Program. http://www.fogarty.nih.gov/Programs/Pages/scholars-fellows-global-health.aspx Not accepting applications this year.

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

HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship is an 8 week program and includes a $2400 stipend.

MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING Medical Student Summer Fellowship Program is an 8 week program. The online application is available Monday, December 19, 2011-January 17, 2012. The stipend is $5500. This program has been very popular with SUNY Downstate students.

AOA 2010 CAROLYN L. KUCKEIN STUDENT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP is a $5000 stipend for 8-10 weeks for clinical investigation, basic laboratory research, epidemiology, or social science/health services research. Only one candidate from each medical school may be nominated. Open to MS 1, MS 2 and MS 3 students. Proposal must be submitted to the AOA Counselor (Dr. Douglas Lazzaro) before December 31, 2011. Information posted in the glass bulletin board by the Registrar’s Office.

The AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS offers a student summer research fellowship. 20 fellowships are available with a $2,500 stipend. For more information go to www.AANS.org, select “grants and fellowships.” Application deadline February 1, 2012. Flyer on student newsletter website.

VANDERBILT MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAM in Nephrology and Hypertension allows medical students to conduct research between first and second year, or between second and third year. Prior research experience is not required. The deadline is February 1, 2012. Go to https://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/mkpcd

VANDERBILT MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH PROGRAM in Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolic Diseases allows medical students to conduct research between first and second year, or between second and third year. Prior research experience is not required. More information at www.vanderbiltsrtp.org. Application deadline February 6, 2012.

CHILDRENS HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES Summer Oncology Fellowship Program is sponsored by Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and USC to pursue oncology research interests. There is a stipend. Application deadline is January 31, 2012. For more information, go to http://www.chla.org/site/c.ipINKTOAJsGb.4434829/k.8F5A/Summer_Oncology_Fellowship.htm

MSTAR PROGRAM The 2011 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. The application deadline is January 31, 2012. For more information, go to http://www.sfar.org/research/funding/mstar

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Application deadline January 10, 2012
8-16 week research project
mentored by an HTVN investigator. Travel to an HIV vaccine trials unit in the US or abroad. For more information, go to www.hvtn.org/ramp

NIH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISEASES (NIDDK)
A 2-3 month program to conduct diabetes-related research. There is a short term program for the summer in-between MS 1 and MS 2. The sites are listed at the following URL http://www2.niddk.nih.gov/Funding/TrainingCareerDev/T35Locations.htm Three SUNY Downstate students participated in this program last summer.

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 $4000 for summer appointment. Application deadline February 1, 2012. To identify departments and/or faculty members with whom you would like to work, go to www.stjude.org/pof. There is an on-line application at that site. Additional information in the Office of Student Affairs.
SUNY Downstate students have participated in this program in the past.

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. Application deadline December 5, 2011. Information: AMA Foundation, seedgrants@ama-assn.org or go to http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/about-ama/ama-foundation/our-programs/medical-education/seed-grant-research.page
Grants are awarded in: Cardiovascular/Pulmonary Diseases, HIV/AIDS, Leukemia, and Neoplastic Diseases.

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY
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#stu

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

SUMMER (NON-RESEARCH) PROGRAMS

2012 TELLURIDE PATIENT SAFETY SUMMER CAMP FOR STUDENTS is a one week summer camp. Application deadline December 31, 2011. Flyer on student newsletter webpage

DELAWARE ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS David & Ethel Platt Family Physicians Summer Fellowship has 4 fellowship positions with a stipend of $1200 for 4 weeks. Application deadline is February 25, 2012. For more information, and an application, go to http://www.mtaiid.nih.gov/LabsAndResources/labs/training/introPage/s/default.aspx

WILLIAM B. BEAN STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD in medical history/medical humanities: 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

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF LEGAL MEDICINE'S 2012 STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION IN LAW, MEDICINE & BIOETHICS has a first prize of $1000. More information at www.acim.org Poster in glass bulletin board. Submission deadline January 5, 2012

AOA HELEN H. GLASER STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION offers cash prizes. $2000 is first prize. Application deadline is January 31, 2012. Flyer in glass bulletin board and on the newsletter section of the website.

Third and Fourth Year medical students are eligible to submit an essay of 500-1000 words explaining their most instructional patient safety event for the YOUNG PHYSICIANS PATIENT SAFETY AWARD. Six (6) prizes of $5000 each will be awarded. Deadline Friday, February 9, 2012. For more information, go to http://npsfcongress.org/young-physicians-award/

TRACHTENBERG ESSAY COMPETITION has a cash prize of $1000 for the best essay on the physician-patient relationship. Flyer posted on the student newsletter page of the Student Affairs website. Deadline for submission is December 15, 2011.

The 9th Annual MICHAEL DEBAKEY Medical Student Poetry Award is sponsored by Baylor College of Medicine. First prize is $1000. Deadline for submission is December 31, 2011. For more details about the contest and where to submit your entry, go to the following URL http://www.bcm.edu/news/item.cfm?newsId=4143

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 www.histmed.org/osler_medal.htm Deadline for submissions is January 15, 2012

**FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**
Arnold P. Gold Foundation: Faculty and Student Initiated Projects
http://humanism-in-medicine.org/intros/gStudentInitiated.html

**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.htm

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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.

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October, 2011 spotlights Internal Medicine
April, 2011 spotlights Preventive Medicine & recaps the 2011 Match
January, 2011 spotlights Medical Genetics
November, 2010 spotlights Hospital Medicine
August, 2010 spotlights General Surgery
April, 2010 spotlights Internal Medicine-Pediatrics
January, 2010 spotlights Nuclear Medicine
October, 2009 spotlights Psychiatry
August 2009 spotlights Pathology
April, 2009 spotlights Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
January, 2009 spotlights Emergency Medicine
October, 2008 spotlights Neurology
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| **PATHOLOGY CAREERS** |
| Pathology Insider’s Articles |
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| Pathology: Myths and Truths |
| Pathology Web Sites |
| College of American Pathologists—Premier organization for pathology residents www.cap.org |
| The Student Doctors Network http://www.studentdoctor.net/ |
| The Doctor’s Doctor—Who is the Pathologist? www.thedoctorsdoctord.com |
| American Board of Pathology www.abpath.org |
| Intersociety Council for Pathology Information, Inc. www.pathologytraining.org |
| American Society for Investigative Pathology www.asip.org |
| 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 |

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http://www.ams a.org/global/ih/ihopport cs.cfm
IFMSA Research Exchange Projects
http://www.ams a.org/IFMSA/Homepage/EducationCareerDevelopment
international/Exchanges/Research.aspx
IFMSA Clinical Exchange Projects
http://www.ams a.org/IFMSA/Homepage/EducationCareerDevelopment
international/Exchanges/ClinicalExchangeDetails.aspx

SENIOR CLASS NOTES
MS 4 EXTRAMURAL (AWAY) ELECTIVES
The AAMC has an Extramural Electives Compendium
(https://aamc.org/students/medstudents/electives/) in the
AAMC website. This lists the contact person, name and mailing
address, for away electives at other medical schools.

If you don’t want to start a residency program right away, Harvard
Medical School offers a Biomedical Informatics Research Training
Program. The application deadline is January 3, 2012. Flyer in
miscellaneous section of the student newsletter page.

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio’s
Regional Academic Health Center is offering a four week elective
titled “Community for Children: At the Border and Beyond,” on
the Texas/Mexico border in South Texas’ Lower Rio Grande Valley.
The dates are February 6-March 2, 2012. For more information, go to
www.communityforchildren.org

NIH CLINICAL ELECTIVES PROGRAM offers electives
(extramural credit) in 21 areas. For the list and more information, go
to http://www.cc.nih.gov/training/students/clinical_electives.html

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/appleyeis/elective.htm

Stanford University orthopedic surgery diversity elective stipend
support. See PDF in the newsletter section of the Student Affairs
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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.

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
Dep 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. 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.

WHERE TO GET DIFFERENT TYPES OF LETTERS
http://sis.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.
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-DHOF 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

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 Viktorkia 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
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

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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.

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!

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