**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MATCH DAY!**
Join us in Alumni Auditorium on Friday, March 16 at 12 noon. See the MS 4’s and their residency placements.

**AOA ANNUAL LECTURE** will be on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 in Alumni Auditorium. The guest speaker this year is our own Dean Ian Taylor, M.D., Ph.D. The title of his talk is “A Novel Twist to the Brain-gut Axis.”

**DO YOU WANT TO PRESENT A POSTER/ABSTRACT at the ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY?** Applications may be submitted via PRIME (see below) between February 27-March 16. This is a chance to share your accomplishment. [http://prime.downstate.edu/section/default.asp?id=annual-research-day](http://prime.downstate.edu/section/default.asp?id=annual-research-day)

**SUNY DOWNSTATE’s ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY** is April 4, 2012 in Alumni Auditorium. A schedule of events is at this URL [http://www.downstate.edu/grad/ard/research_day.html](http://www.downstate.edu/grad/ard/research_day.html) This year, the keynote speaker is Dr. James Ecklund, an internationally renowned neurosurgeon. The keynote speech will be given at 4 pm in Alumni Auditorium and the topic is “Neurotrauma: A military neurosurgeon’s perspective.” A bio is posted on the schedule of events web page.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PRESENT ACCEPTED RESEARCH PAPERS AT CONFERENCES** – The Alumni Association will consider funding such presentations. Obtain guidelines and form from the Alumni Association.

**CAREERS IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE** is a conference at SUNY Downstate on Thursday, March 8, 2012 from 6-10 pm in Alumni Auditorium, HSEB. Flyer on the student newsletter section of the student affairs webpage. If you think you are interested in emergency medicine, this is for you.

The University of Iowa’s Conference on Writing, Humanities, and the Art of Medicine, *The Examined Life*, will be April 19-21, 2012. For more information, go to [http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/theexaminedlife/](http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/theexaminedlife/) Philip Levine, US Poet Laureate is the keynote speaker.

**GLOBAL HEALTH Conference 2012 at Yale University**
Saturday, April 21-Sunday, April 22, 2012 For more information, go to [www.uniteforsight.org/conference](http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference)

**AMWA CONFERENCE** April 13-15 in Miami, Florida

**NATIONAL STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM** The Forum will be April 26-27, 2012 in Galveston, Texas. Flyer in Miscellaneous section of the student newsletter page.

**STEP 2CS INFORMATION**
Changes To STEP 2CS starting June 17, 2012. See the announcement on the National Boards website.

**Special Hotel rates** for Clinical Skills exams [https://www.aamc.org/meetings/153904/clinicals skills mtgs homepage teaser.html](https://www.aamc.org/meetings/153904/clinicals skills mtgs homepage teaser.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](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](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)

**ONE YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAMS**

**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](http://www2.niddk.nih.gov/Funding/TrainingCareerDev/MSRTGuidelines.htm) The deadline is April 15, 2012 for the 2012-2013 year

**RESEARCH INFO & SUMMER RESEARCH**

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

**The NEW ENGLAND BAPTIST HOSPITAL** (Boston, MA) offers the Aufranc Fellowship in orthopedic surgery from June 1-August 15. Stipend is $4000 plus housing allowance. [Deadline March 15, 2012](http://www2.niddk.nih.gov/Funding/TrainingCareerDev/MSRTGuidelines.htm). Information on the student newsletter page.

**HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY** (NY, NY) offers a Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship for 8 weeks (June 18-August 10) with a $2400 stipend. [PDF on the student newsletter page](http://www2.niddk.nih.gov/Funding/TrainingCareerDev/MSRTGuidelines.htm). Application deadline April 9, 2012.
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. See this web page http://www2.niddk.nih.gov/Funding/TrainingCareerDev/MedicalStudents.htm Three SUNY Downstate students participated in this program last summer.

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

SUMMER (NON-RESEARCH) PROGRAMS

The BROOKLYN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION “We are All Brooklyn (WAAB) grant opportunity, will award a grant of up to $1000 to a Brooklyn based project that addresses issues of community safety with outh anywhere in the borough of Brooklyn. Application deadline April 1, 2012. PDF posted in the Miscellaneous section of the student newsletter page.

The Delaware Academy of Family Physicians has established the DAVID AND ETHEL PLATT SUMMER FELLOWSHIP. The fellowship is for a four-week preceptor program where the student will spend a week with various family doctors in Delaware. Stipend of $1200 for the four weeks. Application deadline March 15, 2012. PDF with more information posted on the student newsletter web page. Also, http://www.delfamdoc.org

THOMAS JEFFERSON RADIATION ONCOLOGY six week externship is for first or second year medical students. Application posted in the Summer, Non Research section of the newsletter website. Application deadline March 16, 2012.

The ARNOLD P. GOLD STUDENT SUMMER FELLOWSHIP awarded 41 student fellowships last year for fellowships in a service or research project in the USA or in developing countries on community health issues affecting underserved patient populations. Application deadline March 1, 2012. We have had students receive this in the past.

The SCAIFE FAMILY FOUNDATION offers fellowships to attend the one week Institute of Addiction Studies (June 10-15, 2012) at RUTGERS IN NEW JERSEY. Fellowships will cover tuition, room and meals plus a $400 stipend for travel and miscellaneous expenses. Flyer in glass bulletin board. Information booklet in the Office of Student Affairs. Application deadline April 15, 2012. For more information, go to http://alcoholstudies.rutgers.edu/ or see the PDF on the student newsletter page.

The New York Academy of Medicine offers 3 student research grants (http://www.nyam.org/grants/student-grants/)

Glorney-Raisbeck Medical Student Grant in Cardiovacular Research for 10-12 weeks in a mentored cardiovascular research project. Stipend $3500. Medical students in any class year may apply. Application deadline March 19, 2012.

David E. Rogers Fellowship for a 10-12 week mentored project that couple medicine with the needs of underserved or disadvantaged patients or populations. Stipend $3500. Application deadline March 9, 2012.

Ferdinand C. Valentine Medical Student Research Grants in Urology is for mentored research projects in urology. Application deadline March 9, 2012.

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.

CONTESTS, PRIZES, AWARDS

ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION Humanism in Medicine Essay Contest has cash prizes of up to $1000 for an essay of 1000 words or less. More information on the student newsletter page. Deadline April 5, 2012.

University of Cincinnati's STANLEY M. KAPLAN Medical Student Essay Contest has a first place cash prize of $500. Deadline is June 30, 2012. Flyer PDF on newsletter web page

FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Curriculum & Educational Policies Committee (CEPC) is in the process of reorganizing and increasing the opportunities for career exposure in the first two years.

The current list of non-credit electives (Emergency Medicine, OB/GYN, Pathology, Radiation Oncology, Surgical Research) is located at http://sls.downstate.edu/registrar/com/index.html

The list of current Career Exposure electives is located at the same URL (anesthesiology, otolaryngology, pathology, pediatrics, psychiatry)

The Alumni Association also offers a shadowing program. For more information contact, Ms. Dionne Davis-Lowe.

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PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION (PM&R) – The American Academy of PM&R have set up a website for students including an e-newsletter, a guide to the field, mentor program, applying to residency, etc. Go to http://www.aapmr.org/career/students/Pages/default.aspx

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.americangeriatics.org/health_care_professionals/trainees/find_a_mentor/

Geriatrics career information, including profiles of geriatricians www.americangeriatics.org/health_care_professionals/trainees/
### PATHOLOGY CAREERS

#### Pathology Insider’s Articles
- Career: Pathologists
- Insider’s Guide: Top 8 Things to Look for When Selecting a Pathology Residency Training Program
- 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.thedoctorsdoctor.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

### SCHOLARSHIPS & MONEY

Herbert W. Nickens Medical Student Scholarships are for students entering their third year of medical school who have shown leadership in efforts to eliminate inequities in medical education and health care. For a full description of the criteria, go to [this link](http://www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/101280/nickens_scholarship_review.html). Local campus deadline for applications is Friday, April 27, 2012.

KAISER PERMANENTE offers six $5000 scholarships to 4th year medical students selected for their commitment to one or both of the following areas: commitment to the community/leadership or population-based research. [Deadline March 2](https://www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/101280/nickens_scholarship_review.html). Flyer posted in the Miscellaneous section of the newsletter website.

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](http://www.lrp.nih.gov/about_the_programs/index.aspx)
- NATIONAL MEDICAL FELLOWSHIPS: Need Based Fellowships [http://www.amfonline.org/programs.html](http://www.amfonline.org/programs.html)
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

AMSA International Health Opportunities List
http://www.amsa.org/global/ih/ihopps.cfm

IFMSA Research Exchange Projects

IFMSA Clinical Exchange Projects

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THIRD YEAR CLASS NOTES
Boston Medical Center Minority subsidized elective program for visiting 4th year medical students. Application deadline April 6, 2012. Flyer in the Residency Info section of the student newsletter page.

SENIOR CLASS NOTES
MS 4 EXTRAMURAL (AWAY) ELECTIVES
The AAMC has an Extramural Electives Compendium (https://www.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.

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio’s Regional Academic Health Center is offering a four week elective entitled “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

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

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/appleyes/elective.htm

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

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.

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://slds.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.
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.

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

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

SAFETY REMINDER
University Police has reminds all of us to use good judgment when traveling to and from campus. Avoid walking all night 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.

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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.

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 restevenson@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

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.