CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MS 1’s!
You are in the home stretch to have finished your first year of medical school!

SUMMER HOMEWORK:
Skim the Specialty Profiles in careers in medicine.

SUMMER EMAILS: Two of your block directors will send you emails, probably during July. The PRIME schedule is generally not finalized until late July/early August.

MS 1’s: WILL YOU DO SOMETHING NICE THIS SUMMER?
If you are a first year medical student and you are doing 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 be sent 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.

SHARE YOUR CREATIVE SIDE WITH US
We need photos or short videos of the Brooklyn where you live - suitable for posting on our institutional website. The focus should be the beauty of Brooklyn neighborhoods or landmarks, human interest themes photographed or filmed in Brooklyn, or your fellow students in academically related or school related activities. Permission forms are posted on the Miscellaneous section of the Student Affairs webpage at http://sls.downstate.edu/student_affairs/misc/index.html
We need a caption to go with your submission. Photos may be used in the Admissions Office or on the Admissions website. Submit your entries to Dr. Lorraine Terracina or Dr. Marcia Gerber.

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.

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/clinicalsksMtgs_homepage_teaser.html

ONE YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAMS
No entries this month

RESEARCH INFO & SUMMER RESEARCH
Reminder: For advice and assistance, the Medical Student Research Advisor is Dr. Frank Barone (Frank.Barone@downstate.edu)
No entries this month

SUMMER (NON-RESEARCH) PROGRAMS
EMERGENCY MEDICINE career exposure elective at Staten Island Emergency Medicine July 30-August 4. Flyer on the student newsletter web page. Register now.

The SUMMER INSTITUTE IN PSYCHIATRY AT VIRGINA COMMONWEALTH is a one week program July 8-13, 2012. Information brochure on the student newsletter page. More information www.vcu.edu/psych/about/start.shtml Application deadline June 15, 2012

CONTESTS, PRIZES, AWARDS
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
Arnold P. Gold Foundation: Faculty and Student Initiated Projects
http://humanism-in-medicine.org/intros/gStudentInitiated.html

CAREER INFORMATION
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.

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
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

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

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 choices.

RESIDENCY INFORMATION RESOURCES

RESIDENCY MATCH LIST
See the 2012 Residency Match list in the glass bulletin board next to the Office of the Registrar. The residency match lists for the last 17 years is posted on the Student Affairs website. http://sls.downstate.edu/student_affairs/residency/placement.html

Charting Outcomes in the Match: Characteristics of Applicants Who Matched to Their Preferred Specialty in the 2011 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.

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

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

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

AMSA International Health Opportunities List
http://www.amsa.org/global/ih/ihopps.cfm
IFMSA Research Exchange Projects
IFMSA Clinical Exchange Projects

THIRD YEAR CLASS NOTES

Univ of Texas HSC @ San Antonio’s Dept of Pediatrics offers an elective in advocacy & professional development: Community for Children: At the Border and Beyond – 4 weeks on the international setting of the Texas/Mexico border in South Texas.
Flyer posted on the student newsletter website.

Kaiser Oakland is offering a subinternship in Pediatrics. Brochure posted in the Residency Info section of the newsletter website.
THIRD YEAR CLASS NOTES (continued)

Johns Hopkins Hospitalist Sub-internship rotation. Information in the Residency Info section of the newsletter website.

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

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.

NII 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/applyeis/elective.htm

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.

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-DOH1 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

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.

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.

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 Jessica Blome, 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

Dmitry Volkin, rising MS 4 from the NIH Clinical Research Training Program

Rachael Maciasz, rising MS 4 from the Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh

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 Viktoria Nikolaenko 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.

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!

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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.

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.

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, in the event of an emergency on campus, you may be asked to evacuate the building. If you have any questions, please contact the University Police at 270 2626. They will be on hand to assist you.

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.