ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCME THIS MONTH
Our LCME visit is February 25-27, 2013. Be very familiar with the topics you need to know for the visit.

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 (Lorraine.Terracina@downstate.edu) or Dr. Marcia Gerber (Marcia.Gerber@downstate.edu).

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. Her email address is (Ilana.Levine@downstate.edu).

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.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY ELECTIVE
Beginning October 3rd, Dr. Phyllis Supino will be teaching an elective entitled Principles of Research Methodology every Wednesday from 5 PM-6PM in BSB Lecture Hall 2. The course reviews fundamental aspects of research methodology common to most disciplines and is intended for physicians, medical students, and all other members of the Downstate Medical Center community who wish to enhance their ability to critically evaluate the published research literature or are contemplating (or currently involved) in designing research projects, writing grant proposals, or conducting research for publication in peer-reviewed journals or presentation at medical society meetings. To sign up for the elective, complete a non-credit elective form in the Office of the Registrar.

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RURAL SURGERY wishes to identify first and second year students with a rural or small town background who also have an interest in surgery. Opportunities exist for mentoring opportunities. Information regarding ACS Medical Student Programs can be found at www.facs.org.

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE INVENTORS AND INNOVATORS ALLIANCE announces its 2012-2013 E-Team Program. NCIIA is looking to support the most compelling student technology innovations with grant funding, venture development training, and investment. Teams may apply for up to $75,000. Prior funded projects are posted on their website. Application deadlines for several cycles are February 1 2013 and May 10 2013. Go to http://nciaa.org/.

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 at https://www.aamc.org/meetings/153904/clinicalskills_mtgshomepage_teaser.html.
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 at www.americangeriatrics.org/health_care_professionals/trainees/find_a_mentor/
Geriatrics career information, including profiles of geriatricians at www.americangeriatrics.org/health_care_professionals/trainees/
Information for medical students at www.americangeriatrics.org/health_care_professionals/trainees/students/resident_chapters/list_of_current_student_chapters
American Medical Student (AMSA) Geriatrics Interest Group at www.amsa.org/AMSA/Homepage/About/Committees/Geriatrics.aspx

ONE YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAMS

AMA’S JOAN F. GIAMBALVO SCHOLARSHIP RESEARCH GRANT is a one year research grant of up to $10,000 to advance the progress of women in the medical profession, and address the needs of women physicians and medical students. Application deadline: February 25, 2013. Go to www.amafoundation.org/go/giambalvo.

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. Go to http://www.cdc.gov/hubertfellowship/ The application cycle opens in mid January and closes in mid February.
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISEASES (NIDDK)
If you are a medical student who wishes to take a year off to pursue research training, NIDDK supports such year-off research experiences via supplemental slots to training grants. Please check the list of currently funded training grants to identify an eligible location.
http://www2.niddk.nih.gov/Funding/TrainingCareerDev/MedicalStudents.htm

SOUTH AMERICAN PROGRAM IN HIV PREVENTION RESEARCH (SAPHIR)
http://globalhealth.med.ucla.edu/programs/saphir.html

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

The American Society for Radiation Oncology is offering the 2013 ASTRO Minority Summer Fellowship Award for students underrepresented in medicine to learn more about radiation oncology as a career choice. The program is for first and second year medical students. For more information, go to https://www.astro.org/Research/Funding-Opportunities/ASTRO-Supported-Grants/Minority-Summer-Fellowship/Index.aspx
The application deadline is March 1, 2013.

The Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship at the HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY is an 8 week mentored program. The 2013 application is available now. Application deadline March 15, 2013. For more information, go to http://www.hfss.edu/medical-student-summer-research-fellowship.asp
A SUNY Downstate student did this last summer.

The 2013 CAMPIVAGNA SCHOLARSHIP is a 10 week research scholarship at the Oregon Health and Science University for students interested in a career in Neurological Surgery. Application deadline February 22, 2013. Go to URL http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-medicine/departments/clinical-departments/neurosurgery/news-events/camagna-scholarship.cfm for more information

AMERICAN DERMATOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION 2013
Medical Student Fellowship Program offers a $700 monthly stipend for a maximum of 3 months. Application deadline April 15, 2013. Application PDF posted on Student Affairs newsletter website.

The MEDICAL STUDENT FELLOWSHIP IN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS exposes medical students to the field of multiple sclerosis. View the application and program description at www.gatewaymssociety.org, then choose “learn about MS,” then “for health professionals,” then “medical student fellowship.” For additional information contact Suzanne Carron at Suzanne.Carron@nmss.org Application deadline February 28, 2013

HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE
HHMI Summer Medical Fellows Program will support up to 20 students working in HHMI laboratories (with HHMI investigators, early career scientists or at the Janelia Farm Research Campus), for a minimum of 8 consecutive weeks (10 weeks preferred). Students must be in good standing at a medical, dental, or veterinary school located in the U.S. Those who are enrolled in a combined professional degree/Ph.D. program or who have already received a one-year award from any year-out research training program are not eligible to apply. The program is primarily aimed at those students who wish to explore the summer research experience with the intent of applying for the year-long program. For the 2013 summer program, students will receive a stipend of $5,000 for 10 weeks ($500/week for less than 10 weeks) and up to $1,000 for roundtrip relocation costs. The Competition System opens on November 1, 2012 and the application deadline is February 15, 2013.

NON-NIH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES – Grants & Fellowships
http://www.fic.nih.gov/Funding/NonNIH/Pages/default.aspx
NON-NIH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
http://www.fic.nih.gov/Funding/NonNIH/Pages/health-professionals.aspx

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

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISEASES (NIDDK)
http://www2.niddk.nih.gov/Funding/TrainingCareerDev/MedicalStudents.htm

SUMMER (NON-RESEARCH) PROGRAMS

The SCAIFE FAMILY FOUNDATION offers fellowships to attend the one week Institute of Addiction Studies (June 23-28, 2013) 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, 2013. For more information, go to http://alcoholstudies.rutgers.edu/ Flyer in glass bulletin board.

DELAWARE ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS David & Ethel Platt Family Physicians Summer Fellowship has 4 fellowship positions with a stipend of $1200 for 4 weeks. For more information, and an application, go to http://www.delfamdoc.org/platt.php Application deadline March 15, 2013.

The BETTY FORD SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS is a one-week experiential learning program for MS 1 and MS 2 students. Electronic application. Priority Application deadline Friday, February 1, 2013; application deadline March 15, 2013, 5 pm PST. http://www.bettyfordinstitute.org/education/summer-institute-for-medical-students.php

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, 2013.

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
FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

2013 MEDICAL STUDENT SERVICE LEADERSHIP supports leadership development through mentoring, observation and service learning. For more information, go to http://alphaomegaalpha.org/student_service_leadership.html

ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION: FACULTY AND STUDENT INITIATED PROJECTS (Grant Requests from Medical Community) http://www.humanism-in-medicine.org/index.php/programs_grants/gold_foundation_programs/grant_requests

ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION HELP FOR HAITI FELLOWSHIPS http://www.humanism-in-medicine.org/index.php/programs_grants/other_initiatives/help_for_haiti_fellowships

CAREER INFORMATION

The Medical Student Career Advisement Office under the leadership of Dr. Frank E. Lucente (Frank.Lucente@downstate.edu) in B7-518. Individual appointments are encouraged.

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 Opportunities (CEO’s) is located in your PRIME under College of Medicine Resources – Information, Policies, Procedures. These are short duration opportunities to see different disciplines and subspecialties for 4-10 hours.

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

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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.aspx

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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

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

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
February, 2013. Go to offers several scholarships. The applications will be available in
http://www.lrp.nih.gov/about_the_programs/index.aspx
behavioral research at a nonprofit or government institution.

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/ihoppss.cfm

IFMSA Research Exchange Projects

IFMSA Clinical Exchange Projects

GENERAL INFORMATION

THIRD YEAR CLASS NOTES
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.

SENIOR CLASS NOTES

WESTERN MONTANA Family Medicine residency program – for more information, go to http://fmrwm.umt.edu/

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.

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.

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.

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 October 22 – November 16, 2012 February 4 – March 1, 2013; May 28 – June 21, 2013. 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

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 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-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

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

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.

WHERE TO GO FOR...

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 Pamela Sass, M.D., Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The Committee’s recommendations go directly to the Dean of the College of Medicine, Ian Taylor, M.D., Ph.D. There are six student representatives on the committee – one from each class year and the president of Medical Student Council (Andre Plair). The Committee meets once a month.

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.

SUNY DOWNSTATE BRAGGING RIGHTS
Congratulations to Lusana Ahsan, MS 3 on her selection for the inaugural NIH Medical Scholars Fellowship program!
Congratulations to Sunny Tang, MS 3 on her selection to the Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania!

Returnees to SUNY Downstate
Dmitry Volkil, MS 4 from the NIH Clinical Research Training Program
Rachael Maciasz, MS 4 from the Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh
Jessica Bloome, MS 4 from the Doris Duke International Clinical Research Fellowship at the UCSF
Rosalyn Plotzker, MS 4 from the Luce Scholar program in Asia

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?
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