ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AWARDS DAY – JOIN US!
Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 3 pm, Alumni Auditorium, HSEB

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MS 4’s!
Wednesday, May 29, 2013 Commencement 3:30 pm Carnegie Hall!
The residency match list is posted in the glass bulletin board outside
of the Office of the Registrar.

Khan Academy & the AAMC & the Robert Wood Johnson Contest for the new MCAT
A PDF about the contest is posted on the student affairs newsletter
website in the contest section. Contest rules may be viewed at the
URL below. Deadline is June 14, 2013
https://www.khanacademy.org/about/med-competition

SENIOR NEWS

Awards Day is May 23, 2013 at 3 pm in the Atrium
Commencement is May 29, 2013 at 3:30 pm at Carnegie Hall

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 or in the Admissions Office. The focus should be the beauty of Brooklyn neighborhoods, the restaurants 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)

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.

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. For information about the May 10 2013 competition deadline, go to http://nciaa.org/

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.aspx

One Year Research Programs

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

Research Info & Summer Research

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

Interested in Emergency Medicine? MS 1 students who are interested in volunteering on research projects this summer may contact Dr. Michael Lucchesi to be connected to a project. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Lucchesi, send an email to Michael.Lucchesi@downstate.edu These are unpaid positions.

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
None this month

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

C.A.R.E.
Medical Student Career Advisement Office
Dr. Frank Lucente, Director (Frank.Lucente@downstate.edu)
Room B7-518

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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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

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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.
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RESIDENCY INFORMATION RESOURCES

Residency Match List
See the 2013 Residency Match list in the glass bulletin board next to the Office of the Registrar. The residency match lists for the last 18 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 NRMP, 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 institute. 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


This is the time of year when students who are thinking of taking one year off to participate in an international program, need to think about looking at the applications and checking deadline dates. The deadline dates are usually early. Generally these programs are looking for students who have completed the third year and will take the year off in-between MS 3 and MS 4. Here are a few to check out.

- Fulbright US Student – applications opened May 1 http://us.fulbrightonline.org/fulbright-us-student-program
They have webinars and an information session in NYC


- Fogarty Global Health Program for Fellows and Scholars http://www.fic.nih.gov/Programs/Pages/scholars-fellows-global-health.aspx

- Luce Scholars – You must have graduated from one of the 75 participating undergraduate colleges and you apply through the Listed contact person http://www.hluce.org/lsapp.aspx

- Gates Cambridge Scholarship – applications for round 1 open September 1 – study in Cambridge if you are selected www.gatescambridge.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

MS 4 YEAR NOTES

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

- 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. http://www.communityforchildren.org
- 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.

- 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

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
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.

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.

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.

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. The Committee meets once a month.

MS 1 & MS 2 CARREL COORDINATORS
MS 1 students should report carrel or key problems to Viktoryia 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 is 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 Volkin, 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

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 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-DOH1 for more information or to register, and email any questions to healthmrc@health.nyc.gov.
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 Dean Sophie Christoforou, or Dean Dr. Jeffrey Putman. All are available for individual appointments. To schedule an appointment, call 718 270-2187 or send an email to studentaffairs@downstate.edu
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.

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 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

Costa Rica Medical Spanish Program
http://www.isls.com/costarica/schools/
Georgina Ferzli, Lisa Santoriello

Dominican Republic with Health Horizons International
http://hhidr.org/
Dana Sanderson, Jonathan Silver

Belem, Brazil
Karen Ha

Peru medical mission – lived with a local family, and staffed the clinic - Matt Riscinti

Amazon Promise in northeastern Peru
http://www.amazonpromise.org/index.php/volunteer -Dustin Cotliar

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.