ANNOUNCEMENTS

MS 2’s: DID YOU DO SOMETHING NICE THIS SUMMER?
If you are a second year medical student and you did 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 should be addressed to: Lorraine Terracina, Ph.D., SUNY Downstate Medical Center, 450 Clarkson Avenue, Box 85, Brooklyn, NY 11203. The letter may also be send by fax. Our fax number is (718) 270-7592. 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.

MS 3’s and MS 4’s NEEDED
We need MS 3 and MS 4 students to assist with campus tours for medical school applicants. Please contact Ms. Ilana Levine (College of Medicine Interview Coordinator) in the Admissions Office if you are available from 12-1 p.m. Or, contact her via email or internet (Ilana.Levine@downstate.edu)

The SOCIETY FOR VASCULAR SURGERY (SVS) wants you to know how exciting their field is. Go to their website at www.VascularWeb.org

MS 1 ELECTIVE “Understanding Anatomy Through the Art of Sculpting” is a new elective (you have to register for it but it does not count toward any graduation requirements). This elective uses sculpture to reinforce your learning in anatomy. It is 4 weeks in November, 2009, 3 hrs. /week. Enrollment limited to 10 students. There is a cost for materials. For more information, go to http://sls.downstate.edu/registrar/com/course_selection_book/courses_12.asp?subject=ANAT&year=2009

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH
Poetry in Purple is a show of poetry and readings to raise awareness about intimate partner/domestic abuse. Show date is October 20, 2009.

ONE YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAMS

NIH/FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM
This is a one year mentored clinical research experience at NIH funded research centers throughout the world for medical students who will have completed most of their third year clerkships by June, 2010.

To learn more, go to http://www.fogartscholars.org/scholars/international-clinical-research-scholars-program The application deadline is December 3, 2009. We are pleased that one of our students was selected as a 2009 participant. Flyer in glass bulleting board.

The NIH CLINICAL RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM is a one-year program at the NIH for medical students who have completed one year of clinical rotations (you spend the year in-between the third and fourth year at the NIH. 30 students per year are accepted into the program. There is a stipend. Read about the NIH Clinical Research Training Program at: http://www.cc.nih.gov/training/crtp/crtp.html Application available in October.

HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE

NIH Research Scholars Program
(Cloister Program)
Most students participate as Research Scholars after their 2nd or 3rd year of medical school. Students may work on basic, translational or applied biomedical research. Prior research experience may be advantageous but is not required. You select your preceptor and research project after your acceptance into the program. Students chosen as HHMI-NIH Research Scholars (about 40 are selected each year – we have had students chosen for this program) will work at the NIH for approximately one year, beginning July 15 and August 31. There is a stipend. Moving expenses and subsidized, on-campus housing is also part of the program. Application deadline January 10, 2010. For more information go to www.hhmi.org/cloister

HHMI Research Training Fellowships for Medical Students
(Medical Fellows Program - non-cloister)
This permits students to spend one year conducting research at any school or non-profit research institution in the USA except the NIH. We have had students do this program, too! There is a stipend. The application deadline is January 11, 2010. For more information go to www.hhmi.org/medfellowships

CDC EXPERIENCE APPLIED EPIDEMIOLOGY FELLOWSHIP
Eight rising 3rd and 4th year medical students spend 10-12 months at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA where they carry out epidemiologic analyses in areas of public health. Application deadline Friday, December 4, 2009 More information on the student newsletter web page and at www.cdcfoundation.org/thecdcexperience We were fortunate to have a SUNY Downstate student in this program last year.

DORIS DUKE CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
The Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship Program provides one-year fellowships to medical students, who have completed at least two or more years of medical school, to spend an extra year in one of 10 participating medical schools to receive both didactic and 'hands-on' mentored clinical research training, beginning July 2010. Fellows will receive stipends plus health insurance to spend a year conducting clinical research and receiving didactic training. Additional program information including links to each participating school's website is at www.ddcf.org/mr-crff

THE SARNOFF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
This program offers medical students who have completed their second or third year of medical school to conduct research for one year. Prior research experience is not a prerequisite. The annual stipend is $27,500. The fellowship program's website is www.SarnoffFoundation.org. Application deadline is January 7, 2010. The NIH YEAR-OFF TRAINING PROGRAM – for more information go to www.training.nih.gov/student/Pre-
RESEARCH INFO & SUMMER RESEARCH

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

VASCULAR SURGERY
Harvard Medical School announces its Summer Research Fellowships in Vascular Surgery for 10-12 weeks starting June 1, 2010. (Note: MS 1's would need to negotiate a slightly later starting date, if selected.) Interested applicants should submit a 3 page maximum personal statement, CV, and 3 letters of recommendation (one to be from a dean/advisor). $5000 stipend. Application deadline is January 10, 2010. PDF information posted on the SUNY Downstate Student Affairs section of the website under newsletters. Application available at http://home.caregroup.org/templatesnew/departments/BID/vonliebig/uploaded_documents/vonliebig.htm

PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY EDUCATION: St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee provides short-term training experiences in either clinical research or laboratory research for a minimum of 9 weeks, with a stipend of approximately $8 per hour. Application deadline February 1, 2010. To identify departments and/or faculty members with whom you would like to work, go to www.stjude.org/poe/. There is an on-line application at that site. Additional information in the Office of Student Affairs.

The 2010 CAMPIANNA SCHOLARSHIP in Neurological Surgery at Oregon Health & Science University is a 10 week summer research scholarship. Stipend $5000. For more information go to www.ohsu.edu/neurosurgery. Deadline Friday, February 26, 2010. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

The AMA FOUNDATION announces their National and Regional Student Research Forums, which offer medical and graduate students the opportunity to present their research, receive meaningful feedback and participate in scholarly discussions. The Eastern-Atlantic Forum is scheduled for February 17-20, 2010 in Miami (application deadline November 30, 2009) and the National Forum is scheduled for April 22-23, 2010 in Galveston (application deadline January 2010). For more information, go to www.amafoundation.org

The AMA Foundation also offers several scholarships. A PDF file describing these programs is posted on the student newsletter page. The applications will be available in February, 2010.

The AMA FOUNDATION SEED GRANT RESEARCH Program awards grants of $2500 towards the conduct of small projects in applied and clinical research, led by medical students and residents. Applications must be received by December 11, 2009. Information: AMA Foundation, seedgrants@ama-assn.org or go to http://www.amafoundation.org. Telephone 312 464-4200. Grants are awarded in: Cardiovascular/Pulmonary Diseases, HIV/AIDS, Leukemia, and Neoplastic Diseases.

PEDIATRICS RESEARCH
The American Pediatrics Society and the Society for Pediatric Research are offering a grant for medical students to participate in research at a medical school other than their own. Nearly 300 laboratories are available. Go to http://www.apspr.org/Student_Research/Info.htm for more information or to review the on-line directory of laboratory opportunities. The maximum stipend is $4312 for 8-10 weeks of research. Application deadline is January 22, 2010.

SUMMER (NON-RESEARCH) PROGRAMS

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS FOUNDATION offers a Summer Externship Program for a medical student to work alongside a family physician. You should be a member of a family medicine organization to apply. The stipend last year was $2000. If you are interested in applying for this externship please contact: New York State Academy of Family Physicians/Foundation, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville, NY 12211, or email fp@nysafp.org or call (800) 822-0700.


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

OSLER ESSAY CONTEST

PHOTOGRAPHER’S FORUM MAGAZINE announces its 30th annual Student Photography Contest. The grand prize is $2,000 plus a camera. Enter on line at www.pfmagazine.com for early entry before October 19, 2009 (fee $3.95 per photo entered) or final entry before November 23, 2009 ($4.95 per photo entered). Coupons in the Office of Student Affairs.

WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS POETRY CONTEST
Sponsored by the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine Human Values Program, the deadline for submission is December 31, 2009. Contest rules appear on a poster in the glass bulletin board. Prizes are $300, $200 and $100. Information available at www.neoucom.edu. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

MICHAEL E. DeBAKEY MEDICAL STUDENT POETRY AWARD
Entries must be postmarked by December 31, 2009. Only original poetry may be submitted. Cash prizes of $1000, $500, $250. PDF flyer posted on the newsletter web page.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE ESSAY CONTEST

FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE
[no entries this month]
Residency Match List
See the 2009 Residency Match list in the glass bulletin board next to the Office of the Registrar. The residency match lists for the last 14 years is posted on the Student Affairs website.

Roadmap to Residency: From Application to the Match and Beyond
http://sls.downstate.edu/student_affairs/residency/index.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.

Charting Outcomes in the Match: Characteristics of Applicants Who Matched to Their Preferred Specialty in the 2005 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.

Charting Outcomes in the Match: Characteristics of Applicants Who Matched to Their Preferred Specialty in the 2007 NRMP Main Residency Match
This updates the 2005 report with the 2007 cohort. Compare the two and see if the specialties you are interested in have changed.

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. The five extramural LRPCs are Clinical Research, Pediatric Research, Health Disparities Research, Contraception and Infertility Research, and Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds. The 2010 application cycle opened Tuesday and closes Dec. 1.

AMA Foundation information – see scholarships information in another part of this newsletter

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

AMSA International Health Opportunities List
http://www.amsa.org/global/ih/intlist.cfx
IFMSA Research Exchange Projects
http://www.ifmsa.net/public/searchredb.php
IFMSA Clinical Exchange Projects
http://www.ifmsa.net/public/ecscopeselect.php

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.

EPOCRATES is offering Epocrates Essentials to you. If you lost the earlier email and want the files again, email Lorraine.Terracina@downstate.edu after September 22, 2009

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.

DISCOUNTED SOFTWARE FOR STUDENTS
(Announcement from SUNY Downstate’s Information Services)
The full version of Microsoft Office is available for both PC (Windows) and Apple Macintosh platforms. Windows Vista upgrades are also available through Select. This and other software negotiated for SUNY such as Adobe, SPSS and Quark are available on-line from University at Buffalo UBMicro IT Support Services, the HP designated SUNY distributor for the Microsoft Select Program.
Individuals may order these products from our secure web site at [http://www.ubmicrosuny.com/](http://www.ubmicrosuny.com/).

**WHERE TO GO FOR...**

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**SENIOR CLASS NOTES**

**MS 4 EXTRAMURAL (AWAY) ELECTIVES** The AAMC has an Extramural Electives Compendium at [www.aamc.org/stuapps/electives](http://www.aamc.org/stuapps/electives) in the "Students and Residents" section of the AAMC website. This lists the contact person, name and mailing address, for away electives at other medical schools.

The University of North Carolina Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery announces the establishment of a 6 year ACGME approved comprehensive integrated residency in cardiothoracic surgery. For more information [www.med.unc.edu/ct](http://www.med.unc.edu/ct)

NIIH CLINICAL ELECTIVES PROGRAM offers electives (extramural credit) in 21 areas. For the list and more information, go to [www.training.nih.gov/student/cep/index.asp](http://www.training.nih.gov/student/cep/index.asp). There is also a clinical elective in Medical Informatics at [http://lhncbc.nlm.nih.gov/training](http://lhncbc.nlm.nih.gov/training) and click on “Clinical Elective for Medical and Dental Students”

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](http://www.cdc.gov/eis/applyeis/elective.htm)

**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](http://www.NYC.gov/hurricanezones)

**SAFETY REMINDER**

University Police has reminds all of us to use good judgment when traveling to and from campus. Avoid walking in the evening hours (6 p.m.-7 a.m.) alone and use the escort service to public transportation, the parking lots or to KCH for a radius of 6 blocks of the campus. University Police prefers we use the Church Avenue station in the evening hours. Call 270-2626 and the van will pick you up from the station.

**MS 1 & MS 2 CARREL COORDINATORS**

MS 1 students should report carrel or key problems to 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.

**WHERE TO GET DIFFERENT TYPES OF LETTERS**

[http://sls.downstate.edu/student_affairs/where_to_get_letters.html](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.

**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](http://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](mailto:healthmrc@health.nyc.gov).

SUNY DOWNSTATE BRAGGING RIGHTS x 4

Congratulations to the College of Medicine – 150 years old and still going strong!

Congratulations to Samar Mehta, MS 3 on his selection for the NIH Fogarty/Ellison one year clinical research program in Uganda!

Congratulations to Paul Kogan, MS 3 on his selection for the Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship at UNC Chapel Hill!

Congratulations to Aldo Rinaldi, MS 3 on his selection for the one year Alumni Research Fellowship - he’s in New Zealand!

Returnees to SUNY Downstate
Noriyuki Murakami, MS 4 from the NIH Fogarty/Ellison one year clinical research program in Thailand!

Lillian Guenther, MS 3 from the NIH Howard Hughes Medical Institute one year research program at the NIH campus (cloister program)

Ahmed Zihni, MS 4 from the Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship at UNC Chapel Hill

Melanie Wong, MS 4 from the Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship at the Univ of Iowa

Leslie Marino, MS 3 from the CDC Experience Applied Epidemiology Fellowship program

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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!

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION OF FLU VACCINE COMPLETION TO STUDENT HEALTH = November 30, 2009

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. (none this month)

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.

There is also a conference scheduled for April 18-19, 2009 at Yale University

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College of Medicine, Years 1 & 2 only
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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.

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.

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