

## STUDENT COUNCILS

### THE STUDENT CENTER GOVERNING BOARD

The Student Center is the heart of social and community activity on the Downstate Campus. Working hand-in-hand with all other student councils, the Faculty-Student Association, and school administrative bodies, the members of The Student Center Governing Board (SCGB) have a crucial and highly influential role in shaping the social, recreational, and athletic affairs of the University student body. The SCGB is open to all SUNY Downstate students.

The board meets once a month on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Center Reading Room, and its meetings are open to all those who wish to attend. The ten voting members are elected in the spring of the preceding year, but all attendees are encouraged to participate.

The Student Center Governing Board sponsors many of the campus activities, including monthly Coffeehouses, weekly Movie Nights, Basketball Intramurals, Mini Courses, Winter Ball (the annual semi-formal dance) and more.

Participating on the Student Center Governing Board is not only a great way to get connected with all the people, activities, events, and policy-making of the campus, but a wonderful experience as well. The business of the board is always brief and productive, with a significant percentage of time devoted to the purpose of improving student life on campus. If you are interested in having a rewarding, influential, and enjoyable role in student life and campus activity, then SCGB is your ticket. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

### UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

The purpose of University Council (UC) is to promote the interests and welfare of all the students at the SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn as related to campus-wide activities. The University Council is open to all SUNY Downstate students.

University Council funds various clubs and organizations at SUNY Downstate and meets monthly. The Council deals with university-wide issues such as SUNY budget cuts and tuition increases, and has an affiliation with the Student Assembly of the SUNY. UC also co-sponsors activities such as, Winter Ball, our annual semi-formal dance, and the annual Holiday Toy Distribution at Kings County Hospital. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

### CHRP COUNCIL

CHRP Council undertakes and supports projects and activities that are in the general interest of the CHRP student body. This is achieved by interacting with other student organizations. The council fundraises to help send students to professional conferences, oversees clubs within CHRP, and develops the yearbook. The club also acts as an advocate for the students. The CHRP Council is open to all CHRP students. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

### GRADUATE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Most often referred to as the "Grad Council," its purpose is to promote the interest and welfare of the students in the School of Graduate Studies. Currently the council provides funding for orientation activities, luncheon meetings, travel for guest lecturers, a graduate student lounge and various social events. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENT COUNCIL

Most often referred to as "SPH Council," it is concerned with the promotion of the interests and welfare of the students in the School of Public Health. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

### MEDICAL STUDENT COUNCIL

The Purpose of Medical Student Council (Med Council) is to promote the interest and welfare of the students of the College of Medicine. There are 24 members on the council, six from each class. The first year class elects six students to represent the class for a one-year term. Towards the end of the first year, there is a second election where the first year class will elect six students for a three-year term. Med Council meetings are open to all COM students.

Each class has a class president. These representatives attend monthly meetings of Med Council, oversee the class budget and coordinate recreational, educational and fundraising events for the class. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

### NURSING STUDENT COUNCIL

Most often referred to as "Nursing Council," it is concerned with the promotion of the interests and welfare of the students in the College of Nursing. Currently, the council provides funding for orientation activities, Convocation, Nursing Yearbook, Career Day as well as a host of social and educational activities. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

### RESIDENCE HALL COUNCIL

The purpose of the Residence Hall Council is to make a safe, comfortable and convenient environment for students residing in the residence halls. It is also the purpose of the Residence Hall Council to use the student activity fee to hold events for students in the residence halls. The Residence Hall Council is open to all resident students.

The Residence Hall Council holds monthly meetings, as well as study breaks, decorating parties, social events and picnics. The Residence Hall Council is also a forum for students to give their suggestions for improvements in the residence halls. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

### **AOA - ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA**

Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) is the only national medical honor society. The society was created to honor students, residents, and alumni who have demonstrated excellence in the study and practice of medicine. The AOA chapter at SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn is the Eta chapter for New York. AOA is open to all medical students in the top quarter of the class but limited to a number equal to one sixth of the class.

The student members of AOA are involved in a number of on-campus activities. AOA annually sponsors the Subspecialty Information Forum and the Student to Student Forum, to assist in residency preparation. AOA helps run peer tutoring sessions and review classes for COM students. Other activities include recruitment for the medical school, community service, Research Day, Alumni Association events and the annual AOA guest lecture and dinner. The annual lecture precedes the dinner and is given by a distinguished guest on a pertinent topic. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

### **AMA - AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (CURRENTLY INACTIVE)**

The American Medical Association (AMA) medical student section is dedicated to representing medical students, improving medical education, developing leadership and promoting activism for the health of America. Organized in 1972, the AMA-MSS has over 44,000 members nationwide and represents students from 144 accredited schools. The AMA-MSS strives to be the medical students' leading voice for improving medical education. Its four core values are advocacy, leadership, excellence, and integrity. AMA is open to all COM students. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

### **AMSA - AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The American Medical Student Association (AMSA) is a national and local organization of medical and pre-medical students. It is the nation's oldest independent medical student organization run by and for medical students. There are over 28,000 members nationally. The organization is dedicated to giving medical students a voice in public policy as well as providing medical, social and community service oriented programs. AMSA is open to all COM students.

With AMSA, the students make up the organization. Students shape the views, students become the leaders, and students forge the path for their own future using the resources that we offer.

The Downstate chapter of AMSA has programs and activities from September to June. On the national level AMSA sponsors programs through the year such as National Primary Care Day, which is held in October, as well as, a National AMSA Convention in March. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

### **AMWA - AMERICAN MEDICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) is Downstate's chapter of the national organization. The American Medical Women's Association is an organization which functions at the local, national, and international level to advance women in medicine and improve women's health. We achieve this by providing and developing leadership, advocacy, education, expertise, mentoring, and strategic alliances.

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) is an organization of 10,000 women physicians and medical students dedicated to serving as the unique voice for women's health and the advancement of women in medicine.

AMWA was founded at a time when women physicians were an under-represented minority. As women in medicine increase in numbers, new problems and issues arise that were not anticipated. AMWA has been addressing these issues for 90 years. For more information, please utilize our mailbox in the Student Center.

### **ANESTHESIA SOCIETY**

The Anesthesia Society aims to provide a forum for discussion of medical interests specific to the field of anesthesiology and related topics. The society promotes excellence in medical care, education and research in anesthesia. This organization is open to all students who have an interest in the topic of anesthesiology. For more information, please use our mailbox in the Student Center.

### **APAMSA - ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association is Downstate's chapter of the national organization that aims to address those issues important to Asian-American medical students.

One part of our mission is to bring together Asians and others interested in the health issues that affect Asians so that we may have a strong, collective, public and political voice. We are interested in both directly promoting the health and well-being of the Asian community as well as in helping all health care workers who work with these communities understand how to care for the Asian patient in a culturally sensitive manner. Finally, APAMSA provides an important forum for APA medical students to meet, exchange information and experiences and develop personally and professionally. For more information, please use our mailbox in the Student Center.

### **CAMP – COMMUNITY ADOLESCENT MEDICINE PARTNERSHIP**

CAMP works to partner with the community in order to explore issues in adolescent medicine. Key to this goal will be our partnership with the KIPP-AMP middle school in Crown Heights where we will focus on integrated adolescent health education.

### **CAMS- Chinese American Medical Society**

The Chinese American Medical Society was conceived by a group of New York City Chinese Physicians in 1964 as a network for health professionals. Today the organization is dedicated to promoting the scientific association of medical professionals, to advancing medical knowledge and scientific research with emphasis on aspects unique to the Chinese, and to promoting the health status of Chinese Americans. The purpose of the Chinese American Medical Society is to unite medical students dedicated to promoting the health status of, and raising awareness for the special health needs of the Chinese-American community. Membership is extended to all students of SUNY Downstate interested in reaching out to the Chinese-American community.

### **CARDIOLOGY CLUB**

The Cardiology Club at SUNY Downstate is open to all students and is designed to support student learning and expose interested students to the field of cardiology. The sponsor regular lectures and events which present different aspects of the field. The group actively encourages student-faculty interaction outside of the classroom setting. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

### **DANIEL HALE WILLIAMS SOCIETY**

The Daniel Hale Williams Society (DHWS) is SUNY Brooklyn's chapter of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA); an organization

dedicated to healthcare education, leadership development, networking, and community outreach. The organization is named for an African-American physician who was the first to perform open-heart surgery in which the patient survived. The SNMA is comprised of ten regions. Our chapter is part of Region IX which is one of the largest regions in the SNMA. Region IX encompasses all the medical schools in New Jersey and New York. The DHWS is open to all COM students

The DHWS' mission is undertaken with the understanding that medical students of African-American, Caribbean, and Latino descent have unique obstacles which create a common ground of need even in the face of diverse histories, cultures, and languages of these peoples. In order to help fulfill this need a democratic organization of underrepresented medical students is a necessary part of finding and implementing potential solutions.

DHWS is more than an organization, we are a family. Members support each other emotionally, as well as, educationally. All new entering students are assigned a big brother or sister and a faculty mentor through the Office of Minority Affairs. During the year, DHWS holds monthly meetings to discuss relevant medical school issues and exchange ideas. We often invite prominent physician and professional guest speakers to share their experience.

Annually, we host a Premedical Conference and participate in the celebration of Latino and Black History Months. We are active in community events such as, health fairs, preventive medicine outreach programs, and mentorship to various high schools and colleges in the Brooklyn area. The highlights of the year are the SNMA National Convention held in the spring each year and the Annual Senior Dinner we host as a farewell to our graduates.

Dr. Daniel Hale Williams was one who returned to help his community. It was with his people that he identified both intellectually and emotionally. In his words, "My greatest reward is knowing I can help my fellow man, especially those of my own race, who so deserve a better way of life." In this spirit our membership is responsive to both our own and fellow classmates' academic development and excellence. We create opportunities to aid and assist minority students who seek a profession in medicine. We invest our energies in educating our community and ensuring that they will have a better and healthier way of life. In these efforts, we envisage and manifest the full richness of Dr. Daniel Hale Williams' legacy. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

#### **DERMATOLOGY CLUB**

The purpose of the Dermatology Club is to foster a broad educational goal of raising awareness of the field of dermatology. The club is both a social and cultural organization, determined to design and execute community outreach programs to educate various populations about various dermatologic conditions prevalent in those areas.

#### **DOWNSTATE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

The Downstate Christian Fellowship (DCF) is SUNY Downstate's chapter of the Christian Medical and Dental Associations (CMDA), the national associations of Christian physicians and dentists. We are an inter-denominational group of students, faculty, and staff from the Downstate community who meet weekly to study the Bible, pray, and share our experiences with one another. Our purpose is to deepen our love for God and for one another, to share the Good News of saving the love of Jesus Christ through various events and personal witness, as well as to tend to our patient's spiritual needs while caring for them physically. Individual membership in CMDA is encouraged but not required for DCF membership. DCF is open to ALL Downstate students.

As part of our ministry, we meet in fellowship with Christians from other

New York City medical schools, invite Christian speakers, and reach out to the community through events such as the Christmas gift donation and caroling at the Kings County Hospital and the University Hospital Pediatric wards. Through the DCF, our hope is to understand our God's plan concerning our roles as health care providers. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

#### **DOWNSTATE PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY**

The Performing Arts Society exists to increase the awareness of performance and visual arts and to offer opportunities for participation and expression in the arts. Membership is open to all SUNY Downstate students.

#### **DOWNSTATE SURGERY SOCIETY**

The purpose of the Surgery Society is to provide students early exposure to the field of surgery. Students have the opportunity to take part in workshops and group discussion with specialists in the field of surgery. The Surgery Club is open to all SUNY Downstate students.

Talks are planned at which surgeons will explain new advances in the field. Surgeons will benefit by discussing their work with interested students. Students will be encouraged to scrub in on cases.

The Surgery Society continues to explore avenues through which students can gain a greater awareness of issues facing surgery as we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The outcome of these experiences and interactions will be a more educated student with a greater understanding of the field of surgery. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

#### **EMERGENCY MEDICINE CLUB**

The Emergency Medicine club exists to expose students to the field of emergency medicine and to provide fellow students with opportunities to meet ER physicians and residents and learn about their profession and lifestyle. The club seeks to provide students with the opportunity to relate academic knowledge to clinical experience. To encourage interest in research projects dealing with emergency medicine and its subspecialties and to facilitate enrollment in such research projects. Membership is open to all SUNY Downstate students.

#### **ETHICS SOCIETY**

The purpose of "Students Ethics Society" is to promote the exploration and discussion of ethical issues that affect the lives of medical students and members of the healthcare profession.

#### **FAMILY PRACTICE CLUB**

The Family Practice Club provides a forum for exposure to this generalist specialty and issues pertinent to family medicine. Through club sponsored speakers and activities students can learn about topics not addressed in other parts of their medical education. The Family Practice Club is open to all SUNY Downstate students. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox in the Student Center.

#### **GLOBAL HEALTH**

The Global Health Club is a forum for students who are interested in global health to share ideas and resources. We also aim to increase awareness of global health issues and opportunities to study or work abroad for the larger body of students at SUNY Downstate.

#### **IATROS, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE YEARBOOK**

Iatros is the College of Medicine yearbook. Iatros is open to all COM students.

## **LESBIAN, GAY AND BISEXUAL PEOPLE AT DOWNSTATE**

This organization works to confront discrimination and obstacles arising from prejudice at the University and in our various professions by increasing awareness of homophobia and having direct input into the ways it can be confronted and eliminated. We work to address these issues as they affect ourselves as students and professionals and as they affect the quality of care provided to patients. The LGBP is open to all SUNY Downstate students, faculty, and staff.

One of our primary goals is to provide a healthier, more open and tolerant atmosphere on campus and to reduce the sense of isolation felt by many lesbian, gay and bisexual people because of prevailing homophobia. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## **THE MAIMONIDES SOCIETY**

The Maimonides society is a student run organization whose purpose is to promote Jewish life at SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn. It is intended to increase awareness and education about various Jewish events throughout the year and to provide programs to enhance Jewish life on campus. The organization is open to all students and faculty. The Maimonides Society is open to all SUNY Downstate students.

In addition to prayer services for its members, the Maimonides Society sponsors an annual Sukkoth party in our Sukkah. During Sukkoth, the Sukkah is located alongside the path between the two Residency Halls (between 811 & 825). Join us when we decorate the Sukkah! During Sukkoth you can attend the Sukkah Bash and feast while listening to a holiday drash (talk). On Purim day, the Society sponsors the reading of the Megillah along with a luncheon.

The Maimonides Room serves as our Beit Midrash and is a wonderful place for any student to come and learn. Many students find partners and learn on their own. If you would like to learn with a partner, please contact us. We encourage individuals at all learning levels to seek partners. The Maimonides Society is also organized a Bikur Cholim program in which students visit patients in the hospital. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## **MEDICAL ARTISTS' GUILD (MAG)**

Our main purpose is to have a club that will allow students and other members of the Downstate community to express their ideas or thoughts through writing, poetry, and art. With our monthly publications/online magazine, we want to foster an environment including poetry readings and art exhibitions on campus. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## **MEDICAL STUDENTS FOR CHOICE**

MSFC (Medical Students for Choice) is a national organization representing approximately 100 medical schools. MSFC was founded in 1993 by medical students concerned about the serious lack of abortion education in most medical schools, the abortion provider shortage, and the escalation of violence against practitioners who provide abortions. By 1993, the number of physicians willing to provide abortions had dwindled, and only 12% of all ob/gyn residency programs required abortion training. In addition, 84% of counties had no provider. Concerned students all across the United States created MFSC to increase our educational opportunities and ensure women receive comprehensive reproductive health care in the future. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## **MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The Muslim Student Association is designed to support Muslim students of

the Health Science Center at Brooklyn and to present Islam to the Downstate community as a comprehensive way of life. It also provides an educational forum regarding its creed.

Meetings are discussions on Islamic topics of interest and are open to all members of the Downstate community. The MSA is open to all SUNY Downstate students. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CLUB**

The Occupational Therapy (OT) Club is comprised of the junior and senior classes of the Occupational Therapy program. Its purpose is to organize social activities in order to facilitate camaraderie and peer support between the junior and senior classes and to provide recreational activities to balance the demands of the academic workload. The OT Club is open to all OT students. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## **ONCOLOGY CLUB**

The Oncology Club seeks to develop our interests in the field of oncology through student, community, and patient education and outreach.

## **OPHTHALMOLOGY CLUB**

The purpose of the Ophthalmology Club is to educate and expose members of the Downstate community to the field of Ophthalmology. The Ophthalmology Club is open to all SUNY Downstate students. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## **ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY & SPORTS MEDICINE CLUB**

The Orthopedics Surgery & Sports Medicine Club is designed to educate and expose members of the Downstate community to the various issues and opportunities in Orthopedics & Sports Medicine. The Orthopedics Surgery & Sports Medicine Club is open to all SUNY Downstate students. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## **OTOLARYNGOLOGY CLUB**

The Otolaryngology Club is designed to educate and expose members of the Downstate community to the various issues and opportunities in Otolaryngology.

## **PANDA**

PANDA is an all-inclusive Asian-American organization that promotes Asian-American awareness to the campus at large. It serves to unite all those interested in participating and learning about Asian culture, teachings and ideologies. Activities include quarterly meetings, special speakers and a New Year's dinner. PANDA is open to all SUNY Downstate students. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## **PEDS R US**

Downstate's pediatrics club is a forum for all university students to learn about and contribute to children's healthcare and wellness issues through educational and recreational activities. Academically, from lectures and panels by professionals, we hope to gain useful knowledge that can be applied in clinical and other interactive settings with children. Other activities include a reading hour in the pediatrics ward, conducting health education in neighborhood schools, and sponsoring a cooperative community fair with other organizations.

## **SALUD**

Meetings take place every month with events scheduled three times a semester. All university students are invited to participate. Coordinators may be contacted through the Student Center. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## **PHYSICAL THERAPY CLUB**

The Physical Therapy (PT) Club promotes awareness of the physical therapy profession within the Health Science Center and its general community. Its primary goals are to involve its members in: 1) serving the community, 2) supporting the physical therapy profession, and 3) providing a social atmosphere for its members to interact with other future health care professionals. Some activities that the club has been involved with are: promoting PT month, helping with resumes and interviewing skills, helping to stretch and massage the runners of the NYC Marathon and also sponsoring a Happy Hour. The PT Club is open to all CHRP students. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT CLUB**

The Physician Assistant (PA) Club was established in the spring of 1997 on behalf of the PA class of '98 and future PA classes. The club promotes PAs, does fund raising, arranges National PA Day activities, and participates in University activities as one of the programs in the College of Health Related Professions. The PA club has organized monthly meetings and discussions on present and future practices. Through all of our activities, we hope to unify the students in the PA program as well as establish more of an understanding of the PA program as well as the PA profession. The PA Club is open to PA students. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## **PHYSICIANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

The goal of the PHR National Student Program is to advance health professional students' understanding and lifelong commitment to human rights activism, and to cultivate their unique contributions as advocates for human rights locally, nationally and globally. The PHR National Student Program supports PHR's mission by offering students the chance to contribute meaningfully to PHR's work and developing the next generation of human rights activists.

## **PNHP - PHYSICIANS FOR A NATIONAL HEALTHCARE PROGRAM**

The Downstate chapter of the Physicians for A National Healthcare Program (PNHP) is designed to educate physicians, healthcare workers, students, and the general public on the need for a comprehensive, high-quality, publicly-funded healthcare program, equitably-accessible to all residents of the United States. The PNHP is open to all SUNY Downstate students. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## **PSYCHIATRY SOCIETY**

The Psychiatry Society is designed to educate and expose members of the Downstate community to the various issues and opportunities in Psychiatry. The Psychiatry Society is open to all SUNY Downstate students. For more information please utilize our mailbox in the Student Center.

## **RADIOLOGY SOCIETY**

The Radiology Society is designed to educate and expose members of the Downstate community to the various issues and opportunities in Radiology. The Radiology Society is open to all SUNY Downstate students. For more information please utilize our mailbox in the Student Center.

SALUD is the Downstate chapter of the National Boricua Latino Health Organization (NBLHO) is a Latino student group representing health professions students from the northeast region of the United States. Its mission is to recruit Latinos into higher education, educate the public and one another about Latino health issues, advocate for increased Latino representation in health related areas, and promote awareness about social, political and economic issues as they relate to Latino health. It also serves to create a support network for Latino students. For more information please utilize our mailbox in the Student Center.

## **STUDENT INTEREST GROUP FOR SURGICAL NEUROLOGY**

This organization's purpose is to introduce students to the growing field of invasive neurology, focusing on specifically the many subspecialties of neurosurgery including cerebrovascular, oncological, spinal, and functional while also focusing on Interventional Neuroradiology and Neurology.

## **STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATICS ASSOCIATION**

The Student Medical Informatics Association exists to promote the interests of the Medical Informatics field among its students and the Downstate community. For more information please utilize our mailbox in the Student Center.

## **STUDENT NOTETAKING SERVICE (TRANSCRIPT SERVICE)**

The Student Notetaking Service is responsible for course transcripts. For more information please utilize our mailbox in the Student Center.

## **SIGN - STUDENT INTEREST GROUP IN NEUROLOGY**

SIGN is the American Academy of Neurology's Student Interest Group in Neurology. SIGN's purpose is to introduce medical students to the field of neurology through discussions by neurologists, seminars, learning materials and other relevant activities. SIGN will help students become aware of opportunities and activities related to the field of neurology. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

## **STUDENTS 4 GIFT**

Very few health professionals understand the facts of organ and bone marrow donation. With proper training and personal consideration, health care professionals will succeed at educating their peers and future patients. Our mission is to provide a platform at health care schools that gives students a chance to learn about organ donation and bone marrow donation and a chance to sign up on the registries. Ultimately, our clubs will step outside the bounds of the schools and engage with their local community.

We do *not* have an official position on organ/bone marrow donation. It is *against* our protocol to preach any particular beliefs regarding organ/bone marrow donation and the definition of death. Rather, we strive to provide the opportunity and educational resources to formulate and implement educated decisions and to neutrally educate our patients. We believe organ/bone marrow donation is a GIFT, not an obligation. However, amidst this donation crisis it is incumbent upon us all to make an informed decision and it is our mission to make sure that everyone can do so.

## **STUDENTS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The Students for Social Responsibility (SSR) is a student run organization open to all students within the SUNY Downstate community. It is the only organization committed solely to community

service activities. SSR promotes healthcare, reduction of violence, and education within the Brooklyn Community. Major activities include visits to homeless shelter clinics, health education programs, and a high-school anti-violence program. Please join us for lunch/dinner meetings with your ideas; leadership positions are available. SSR is open to all SUNY Downstate students. If you are interested or want further information please utilize our mailbox at the Student Center.

#### **THAROS, COLLEGE OF HEALTH RELATED PROFESSIONS YEARBOOK**

Tharos is the College of Health Related Professions yearbook. Tharos is open to all CHRP students. For more information, please contact the CHRP Council.

#### **Ultra Sound Society**

This organization is a forum for students interested in ultrasound and its effect on the world of medicine. The forum encourages open discussion and the sharing of ideas between its members; inviting members from all colleges and programs. Members will have an opportunity to listen to lectures from scholars of radiology and ultrasound and involve themselves in the advancements and progression of the field. Members have the opportunity to become a part of the ultrasound community.

#### **Wilderness Medicine Club**

This organization is a way for students to learn how to perform basic first aid, safety and medial treatments in the wild. The group will travel to parks and other locations to practice techniques. The group and invites lectures to come talk to students about different types of wilderness medicine.

**For More Information,  
Contact the Student Center  
at 270-2485.**