WELCOME CLASS OF 2006!
184 new first year students entered the College of Medicine this year! The class is 57% male and 43% female. 93% are from New York State. Of that percentage, 58% are from the 5 boroughs of New York City. The age range of the class is 21-41 they come from 73 different colleges. The Diversity Survey for the class will be posted on the glass bulletin board outside of the Office of the Registrar.

MS 3’s and MS 4’s NEEDED
We need MS 3 and MS 4 students to do 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 (ilevine@downstate.edu) Remember, you get a free lunch, and regular tour guides can list this on their residency CV! We’ve found that many applicants want to know about the clinical years which the MS 1 and MS 2 students cannot describe from personal experience. So we are looking for ways to involve more clinical year students in the admissions process to provide this kind of information.

MEDICAL SCHOOL ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
Are you a second year or fourth year medical student and do you want to help select future students for SUNY Downstate? The time commitment is every Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. the months of mid-October through May. If you are interested in this position, please submit the following to Ms. Ilana Levine in the Office of Admissions at Box 60 (Room 133, BSB) by Monday, September 16: your name, local mailing address, local telephone number, box number, a brief description of any admissions related work which might qualify you for a position on the Admissions Committee, and a brief statement of why you are interested in this position. Candidates may be asked to come for an interview. There are two MS 2 and two MS 4 positions available.

MS 1 & MS 2 CARREL COORDINATORS
MS 1 students should report carrel or key problems to Natasha Stepanets 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.

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 to the Student Affairs Office (Box 85) for inclusion in your academic file. The letter should be addressed to me. This can be included in your Dean’s Letter for residency application at a later date. The letter must be from your preceptor/attending, not from you, in order to be included in your Dean’s Letter.

MS 4 EXTRAMURAL (AWAY) ELECTIVES
The AAMC has a Extramural Electives Compendium at 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 plans are to move to a searchable format in the near future.

RESIDENCY INTERVIEWING WORKSHOP FOR MS 4’s
If your department does not offer an interview preparation workshop, make a note to come to a general one on Thursday, October 3, 2002 with Dr. Michael Lucchesi, Chair of our Dept. of Emergency Medicine and Dr. Jeanne Macrae, Residency Program Director for the Dept. of Medicine. The tips and information will apply to any specialty, not just those applying to ER. Room and time TBA via email.

AMERICAN OSLER SOCIETY WILLIAM B. BEAN STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD
The American Osler Society announces the availability of an award for support of research in the broad areas of medical history and medical humanism. Candidates must be currently matriculated and the successful applicant may be eligible to present a paper at the annual meeting. The stipend will be $1000 and up to $700 additional may be made available to support travel to the annual meeting. Flyer in the glass bulletin board. Submission deadline is March 15, 2003.

HUMANISM IN MEDICINE ESSAY CONTEST

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. The salary for one year is $17,800. Moving expenses and subsidized, on-campus housing are also part of the program. The application forms are now on-line at www.hhmi.org/cloister/download.html. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is January 10, 2003.
NIH Intramural labs: http://www1.od.nih.gov/oin/sourcebook/sci-prgms/sci-prgms-toc.htm
NIH Special Interest Groups: http://www.nih.gov/sigs/sigs.html

STUDENT ACTIVITIES FAIR – Get Involved!
Learn about our student organizations and how to get involved! The date is Thursday, September 5 from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Student Center Tennis Court.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE WRITING COMPETITION
First prize is $1000 and will be published. Flyer in the glass bulletin board. Submission deadline is September 10, 2002.

List of preventive medicine residency training programs and more information about the specialty of preventive medicine may be found at www.atpm.org and www.acpm.org.

AOA STUDENT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
40 fellowships are awarded annually to 4th, 2nd, or 3rd year medical students. Each will provide $3000 to the student for support of the proposed research. Each school may nominate only one student. Submit your proposal to Dr. Arthur Wolintz, Dept. of Ophthalmology. AOA Chapter Councillor no later than December 15, 2002. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

AOA HELEN H. GLASER STUDENT ESSAY AWARD
The AOA Student Essay Award is to encourage medical students to address general topics in medicine. Cash prizes of $2000, $750, $500 and $250 are awarded. Deadline for submission is January 31, 2003. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

AOA MEDICAL STUDENT SERVICE PROJECT AWARD
This award is open to any individual medical student or group of students collaborating on a project from a school with an AOA chapter. Students need not be AOA members. The school will be awarded up to $1500 to fund the project. Funding can be extended for a second year up to $1000 and for a third year up to $500. Additional information described on a flyer in the glass bulletin board.

PUBLIC SERVICE COORDINATOR
Michael Harrell is SUNY Downstate’s Public Service Coordinator. In this capacity, he will support students, in groups and as individuals, in their community service projects. His goal is to encourage more students to become involved in the community by informing them of volunteer opportunities, identify faculty members as mentors, and serve as liaison to community groups. You can reach him in the Office of Institutional Advancement, BSB 1-101 or by calling X1490. He will also be at the Student Activities Fair in September.

ARE YOU CALIFORNIA BOUND?
The Practice of Medicine in California: A Profile of the Physician Workforce is a profile of the physician workforce in California in the year 2000. The report includes information about aggregate supply, specialty and geographic distribution, sex, age; plus some analysis of practice setting, physician organization, managed care involvement, financial incentives, earnings and physician experience. One copy was placed on reserve in the Library. You can also download the report in PDF format from http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/publications/index.html

If you are planning on practicing in California, we recommend that you take the Family Practice track of the Primary Care I Clerkship.

STANDARDIZED PATIENT PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL BOARDS
The National Boards is planning the inclusion of a test of clinical skills as part of the USMLE (passing required for licensure), at some point in the future. Perhaps as early as for the Class of 2005. The inclusion of standardized patient experiences in the curriculum of SUNY Downstate is advantageous to acclimate you to what will be part of your required competencies in the future. Make the most of the opportunity! An article on the Standardized Patient Program of the National Boards is posted in the glass bulletin board.

PAUL & DAISY SOROS FELLOWSHIPS FOR NEW AMERICANS
Supports 30 students for up to two years of graduate study. The Fellowship provides annually $20,000 maintenance and half tuition. Candidates must be either permanent residents, naturalized citizens, or children of two naturalized citizen parents. Application deadline is November 30, 2002. For details and an application, see www.pdsoros.org.

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 ccMail inquiries to Dr. Lorraine Terracina, Dr. Henry Flax or Ms. Sophie Christoforou. Dr. Flax, Dr. Terracina and Ms. Christoforou are also available for individual appointments. To schedule an individual appointment with Dr. Flax or Dr. Terracina, call 270-2187. To schedule an appointment with Ms. Christoforou, call 270-1107. If you have a question, don’t be afraid to ask!

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.

The Human Values in Medicine Program at the Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine is sponsoring the 20th annual William Carlos Williams poetry writing competition for medical students. Poster in glass bulletin board. Three cash prizes are awarded. Submission deadline is December 31, 2002.

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (Lambarene Schweitzer Fellows Program) offers a fourth year, 3 month experience during May 1, 2003-July 31, 2003 in the Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Lambarene, Gabon. Third year students apply now for this program in the fourth year. Application deadline is December 24, 2002. You must speak French to apply to this program. Flyer in the glass bulletin board.

MSJAMA, the medical student section of the Journal of the
American Medical Association, is seeking submissions for its upcoming editions.

**Theme Issue Articles:**
Students interested in preparing a manuscript for one of the theme issues should contact that issue's editor directly. MSJAMA encourages the collaboration of student authors with experts in their chosen topic.

**Creative Writing:**
Students interested in contributing creative writing fiction, creative non-fiction and poetry to our section entitled "murmur" should email their submissions to Teri Reynolds (treynol@itsa.ucsf.edu). Creative writing submissions need not relate to the issue themes.

**Cover Art:**
MSJAMA considers cover art submissions on a rolling basis. To submit work, send one or more items from your portfolio in slide or photograph format to: Amir Zarrinpar, 3353 Lebon Drive #303 San Diego, CA 92122. Cover art need not relate to the issue themes. Please do not submit work that has been submitted or published elsewhere.

For detailed information about how to submit and descriptions of next year's theme issues please visit the MSJAMA web site at http://www.ama-assn.org/sci-pubs/msjama/index.htm.