Getting to Know

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What did you last read? I read several books at once, so on my list right now are *Salt, Sugar and Fat*, *The Vatican Diaries* and *Gulp*.

If you could go on vacation anywhere, where would you go? I would love to go on an environmental support excursion such as working with an animal refuge in Africa or assisting with the turtle migration in the Galapagos Islands. I don't want to just watch though–I want to participate. (One time I assisted a dolphin rescue endeavor by cleaning the dolphin food buckets. It was pretty smelly but someone had to do it!)

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? A kindergarten teacher. Is there anything more fun than introducing kids to learning opportunities? (Very similar to my current job too except that I'm educating older students, but still introducing them to new educational opportunities!)

What is your favorite movie? I have two—*The Shawshank Redemption* and *The Sound of Music*. (And yes, I sing along with all of the songs too.)

What is the quirkiest thing you do? I wear a tiara when I vacuum. I really don't like to vacuum so wearing the tiara makes it a little more pleasant.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why? I want to fly so that I can avoid driving in traffic, especially since it is construction season!
Please see below for the 2013-2014 Student Representatives on Councils, OSR, and Color Officers. Congratulations to the newly elected representatives!

**Council on Curriculum**
- Lisa Brown
  - First Alternate: Brandon Carney
  - Second Alternate: Megan Litzau

**Council on Evaluation**
- Steven Curti
- Hibba Aziz

**Council on Selection**
- Katy Nickols
- Prasanthi Kandula

**Council of Docents**
- Blue-Neal Akhave
- Gold-Raza Hasan
- Green-Craig Raphael
- Purple-Poorvi Desai
- Red-Wasfia Alikhan

**OSR-AAMC**
- Vikram Chakravarthy-Year 6, Voting Member
- Amit Roy-Year 4, 1st Alternate

**Color Officers**
- Blue 4 Junior-Loreley Robie
- Blue 4 Senior-Tim Hanaway, and Marsha Xiong
  - Blue 5, Junior-Azka Afzal
  - Blue 5 Senior-Krupa Patel
  - Gold 4 Junior-Roshan Babu
  - Gold 4 Senior-Hibba Aziz
  - Gold 5 Junior-Isha Jain
  - Gold 5 Senior-Katy Nickols
- Green 4 Junior-Ali Hasnie and Anatoliy Kuznetsov
  - Green 4 Senior-Amna Hilal
  - Green 5 Junior-Medhi Khalafi
  - Green 5 Senior-Melanie Ruiz
- Purple Junior-Sneha Chintamaneni and Meryll Pampolina
- Purple Senior-Poorvi Desai and Vidhi Srivastava
- Red 4 Junior-Sahar Safavi
- Red 4 Senior-Sweta Shah
- Red 5 Junior-Vanya Tumati
- Red 5 Senior-Neil Patel
# Student Affairs Feedback

We want to hear from you!

We value feedback as a way to learn what we’re doing right and where we can improve. Students wishing to provide feedback about their experiences with advising, ETC services, the Wellness program, Financial Literacy, or Career Advising are welcome to contact Cary Chelladurai at chelladuraic@umkc.edu. For general questions and input you can also email somadvising@umkc.edu.

# Council on Curriculum Annual Report

The curriculum at UMKC SOM has undergone considerable development throughout the academic year of 2012-2013. Attached to this “In the Know” email is a summary of actions, which have been approved by the Council on Curriculum (CoC). These actions would not be possible without the input of medical students and the dedication of current CoC members in furthering medical education.

# AMA

New UMKC AMA Officers

- Delegate: Hasan Bader
- Alternate Delegate: Josephine Doo
- President: Sara Monfared
- Vice President: Caroline Doo
- Treasurer: Nate LaVoy
- Secretary: Hima Veeramachaneni
- Recruiter Year 1: Brooks Kimmis
- Recruiter Year 3-6: Huma Mujadad
- Community Service Chair: Neha Husain

# Save the Date

**2nd Annual Interprofessional Education Panel**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Monday, Dec. 2, 2013**

*Occasions when students from two or more professions learn with, from and about each other to improve collaboration and the quality of care.*
Who wants to be a Gastroenterologist?

What is the anatomic landmark that divides the upper GI tract from the lower GI tract?

- Ligamentum teres
- Ligament of Treitz
- Falciform ligament
- Ligament of cardium

Interested in playing?
Come to the GIG meeting on June 5th at 5:30 PM Theatre B SOM

Read Ch 41 & 293 of Harrison's (found at www.accessmedicine.com.proxy.library.umkc.edu)

Email umkcgig@gmail.com for more info!
Are you feeling anxious about applying for residency?

Doctor’s orders! Take 2 ☺ and get yourself to the

RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTORS FORUM!

Saturday, June 8
12 noon – 2 p.m.
Theatres A, B and C

Learn from program directors from various specialties about what they seek (experiences, skills, Board scores/grades, personal qualities) in residency applicants!

Anesthesiology
Dermatology
Emergency Medicine
Internal Medicine
Medicine-Pediatrics
Ophthalmology
Otolaryngology
Plastic Surgery
Psychiatry
Radiation Oncology
Urology

Free Lunch ☺ Free Lunch ☺ Free Lunch ☺ Free Lunch ☺ Free Lunch ☺ Free Lunch
Sponsored by UMKC School of Medicine Career Services
Event

Neurosurgery

Student Interest Group of Neurological Surgery Elections are June 3rd at 5:30 in the Bamberger Conference Room.

Neurosurgery program directors forum June 12th at 11:30-2:30 in the Bamberger Conference Room. Dr. Nazzaro, KU neurosurgeon, will be the guest speaker.

Questions? Contact Blake Montgomery at bkmb93@mail.umkc.edu

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Event

Unlike more visible underrepresented groups, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and intersex (LGBTQI) persons cannot readily be identified. Likewise, there is no easy method of identifying allies who are supportive of LGBTQI issues. As one component of UMKC LGBTQIA Programs & Services, our Safe Space Training strives to provide a way for understanding and supportive persons within the University community to prominently identify themselves. The students, faculty, and staff proudly display a "Safe Space" sign on their doors and in their offices to signify their commitment as a resource and open ear to our LGBTQIA community.

There are multiple campus-wide Safe Space Trainings per semester open to anyone interested. You can also request a Safe Space Training for your organization, campus department, staff training, or class by contacting Jonathan Tu-Pryce at lgbtqia@umkc.edu or 816.235.1639.

The next campus-wide Safe Space Training is:

**Date:** Monday, June 10th, 2013  
**Location:** School of Medicine M4-C05 -- Hospital Hill  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - noon  
*RSVP to LGBTQIA@UMKC.EDU by June 5th*
COOKING 101 WORKSHOP!! FREE FOOD, FREE PRIZES, and FREE GOODIE BAGS!!!!

When: June 18th 4:00PM-6PM
Where: Oak Street Residence Hall Kitchen

What:
Breakfast – Quinoa Breakfast Bars
Main Dish – Mediterranean Quinoa Salad
Dessert – Energy Bites!

At this workshop you’re going to feel like you’re watching a live Food Network event! Move over Paula Deen, Emeril Lagasse, Giada di Laurentiis...this is the Niloozar show! Actually, this year, the star of the show is QUINOA! Come learn more about this superfood (and how tasty it is!)

The lovely Ms. Robin Hill will be cohosting, giving us the details on tips and tricks for getting affordable groceries [how to use coupons, take advantage of sales, and budget for food]

The rest of the time we will be COOKING! You will get to watch me (and HELP ME if you so wish) prepare the dishes above and best of all...you all get samples! (And copies of the recipes of course)

Throughout the night we will also be giving away raffle prizes including a Mr. Coffee Coffee Maker...fancy colanders and more!

And THE FIRST 20 PEOPLE to attend get a reusable grocery bag FULL of "kitchen starter" items like measuring cups, utensils, and much much more!!

This is going to be the BIGGEST WELLNESS EVENT YET and a lot of FUN!!! Please repost this to your profile, tell all your friends, and most importantly BE THERE!! You don’t want to miss it!

P.S. Please tell all your classmates so that more people will know about it and enjoy the fun!
Event

SAVE THE DATE/RSVP

UMKC LEADERSHIP SUMMIT WITH DEAN DREES

06.22.13

Student Union, Fourth Floor/ FOOD WILL BE SERVED.

9AM-3PM
Opportunities

ATTENTION STUDENTS!
Wouldn't you like...

Travel?
Gain knowledge about healthcare in other countries?
Help your community through health education?
Improve your career portfolio?
Meet doctors who work in the public health field?

The Public Health Organization (PHO) is working hard to increase student activity among UMKC's nursing, dental, medical, and pharmacy students. We are accepting early enrollment for the Fall 2013 semester. The cost is $15 for both fall and spring (2014) semesters or $10 for a single semester. Membership allows you to be notified of all volunteer events available throughout the summer as well as information regarding international trips.

Current volunteer opportunities/projects:
- Educating good hygiene at a women's shelter

The Association of Women - Opportunities for Medical Students and Residents

2013 Green Solutions for the Operating Room Competition:
To enroll in this contest, please submit an innovative solution that has been or can be implemented in the operating room to protect, restore, and/or preserve the environment. Your idea can incorporate one or more of the following energy efficiency, pollution prevention, preservation of natural resources and/or waste management. This idea can be in the form of a proposal (not yet implemented) or a summary of a project that has already been initiated. Entries will be judged on originality, feasibility and potential impact. Please email AWGreenerG roberts@gmail.com for submission guidelines. Prize: $100 and free registration to 2013 AWS Conference. Deadline: August 4th, 2013.

STARR Poster Contest for Medical Students and Residents:
This contest was designed to facilitate interaction and ideas exchange between students interested in surgery, surgical residents, and faculty members of various institutions. Select numbers of medical students and residents will be invited to present their research posters at the 2013 AWS annual conference on Sunday, October 6, 2013 (held in conjunction with the American Society of Anesthesiologists annual conference). Recognition and a monetary prize will be awarded for the top 3 medical student posters and top 3 resident posters. The top student and resident poster winner will also receive a complimentary ticket to the AWS Awards Dinner on Monday, October 7, 2013. Topics eligible for submissions are surgical in nature, and include Basic Science, Clinical Outcomes, Epidemiology, and Health Policy. Case reports will NOT be accepted. Please include the following sections in all submissions: Title and Author(s) (including degree and affiliation), Introduction, Methods, Results, and Conclusion. Figures will not be accepted. Please limit the entire abstract submission to 400 words or less (including the title) and format your abstract submission as a Word Document. Abstract Deadline: 10 PM EST Monday, July 1st, 2013 to awspostercompetition@gmail.com. Selected participants will be announced by Thursday, August 1st, 2013 with a deadline to submit a PDF of your poster by Sunday, September 5th, 2013.

Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) Medical Student Committee is Seeking New Members

Last year's AWS medical student committee had one of the most productive years yet. For the coming year we are planning a number of exciting new and continuing initiatives. Anticipated projects include expanding the AWS mentorship program, running the AWS STARR Poster Competition for student research at the annual conference, starting AWS chapters at local medical schools, leading regional events with women surgeons, as well as member spotlights, video interviews, and writing feature stories in AWS publications. If you would like to serve on the Medical Student Committee and lead any of these projects, please complete this application form and return it to Christina.Grassi@HMS.Harvard.edu (chair 2013-2014). We will be accepting applications until June 15, 2013.

Responsibilities include meetings approximately 6-8 times per year via 30-60 minute conference calls and leading a project. The upcoming term begins July 1, 2013 and ends June 30, 2014. Medical students of all years are eligible to apply. Former committee members need to complete this application in order to reapply for a position. Applications available at https://www.womensurgeon.org/aws_library/2013MedStudentCommitteeApp.doc
- Sojourner clinic
- “Gleaning America’s Fields” – harvesting crops for food pantries
- Dominican Republic – travel to provide health services to a small village
- Peru – travel to provide health services to a small village

The trip to Peru is scheduled for this month, so it isn’t open for more applicants. However, we are planning on a similar trip for December 2013. The Dominican Republic trip is generally every Fall.

If you have any interest in joining PHO, contact:

Bethany Baker – PHO President
Bdbwc3@mail.umkc.edu

Scholarship

Lowell C. Kruse Healthy Choices, Healthy Lives Scholarship

Qualifications: Anyone promoting to year 3 and enrolled in at least 9 hours. Students must be permanent residents or originate from the following areas:

Counties in MISSOURI: Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Caldwell, Carroll, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway, Platte and Worth

IOWA: Decatur, Fremont, Page, Ringgold and Taylor

KANSAS: Atchison, Brown, Doniphan and Nemaha

Nebraska: Nemaha and Richardson

Amount: $10,000

Student must agree to complete a paid internship between years 3 and 4 (we can look into details of that when applying).

Application Deadline: June 14th

See Robin Hill or email for application and details.

Announcements Format

Items sent to Student Affairs prior to the previous Thursday at 5 p.m. will be included. Additional attachments may also be included with this announcement. You can also find calendar information at http://www.med.umkc.edu/calendar/default.html

To submit information for the next Student Affairs Weekly Announcement, send an email to Niloofar Shahmohammadi at shahmohammadin@umkc.edu.