Getting to Know

Kathy Phillips

Department: Academic Affairs
Title: Learning Resource Specialist

Job Description: I assist students in refining their learning and study skills to a level that matches the rigors of medical school. I also coach students in test-taking strategies, most specifically in preparation for the USMLE Step 1 exam.

Birth date: June 16th

Where did you grow up? I spent 4 warm, tropical years on the island of Guam, and then landed in Paola, Kansas.

Any hobbies? I love to cook. My favorite foods are things that are warm and comforting, like stews and cassoulets, and lots of good vegetables.

What is a quirky thing about you? I love farm animals, and I am a baby goat feeder at Deanna Rose Children’s Farmstead. The little kids are about 3 weeks old now and learning to take the bottle.

What is your favorite movie? I have 3, but they all seem to tell the same story. Woody Allen’s Alice, Dead Poet’s Society, and American Beauty.
**Announcements Policy**

**New Policy for In the Know Announcement Submissions**

**Beginning 11/11/2013:**

1) All submissions **must be in JPG format** (if the announcement is a flyer). PDF and Word documents must be converted to JPG before being emailed to shahmohammadin@umkc.edu

2) If the announcement is a **text only announcement, please include it in the body of your email**. Please use black font only and include a title for your announcement such as “Emergency Medicine Interest Group”.

3) If an announcement includes incorrect information (such as an incorrect date or time), and that week’s In the Know has already been sent out, a **revision for your specific announcement will not be sent out to the school**. The only time a correction email will be sent out is if the error is on the part of Student Affairs (mistyped or forgot to include an announcement).

Submissions which do not meet the new requirements **will be returned to sender** requesting the appropriate edits. The announcement may then be resubmitted to shahmohammadin@umkc.edu for inclusion in the In the Know.

**Holiday Policy**

Students:

Each of you is allowed 1 personal holiday a year. Due to a significant amount of student submitting their request late I would like to send a reminder of what the policy guidelines are.

Below is the policy of to request a Student Personal Holiday. If you know you will need to take a holiday you **MUST** submit the student personal holiday request form on time. If a form is submitted late it will no longer be approved. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

The Student Personal Holiday Policy applies to Year 3, 4, 5, or 6 students for clinical experiences only.

Students will fill out and submit the Student Personal Holiday Request Form on the first (1st) of the month prior to the month in which the clerkship begins.

- Example: If your requested date is during a May clerkship (May 1-31), then the deadline to submit your Request Form is April 1.

- This deadline also applies to dates requested during the 2nd month of a 2-month clerkship. For example if your requested date falls in June during a May-June clerkship (May 1-June 30), the deadline to submit your Request Form is April 1.

Students will not be excused the day of a scheduled exam (subject, clerkship, etc.) or rotation orientation.

If you have questions about the policy please do not hesitate to ask.

**Michelle Schrader**
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UMKC School of Medicine
816.235.1920

**New Calendar**

**The NEW Student Affairs Calendar!**

Your Student Affairs department is excited to announce its new public calendar! We hope to make it your one stop shop for class meetings, interest groups, events, or anything else you are planning for the SoM. You can find it on the Student Affairs page under the “Activities” tab or go directly to [http://med.umkc.edu/osa/events/](http://med.umkc.edu/osa/events/). If you would like to submit something to be added to the calendar, please contact Steve Pankey at pankeys@umkc.edu or 816-235-1966
**Women's Fund**

Attention Women Students:

The UMKC Women’s Council sponsors the graduate assistance fund. To date, no woman medical student has applied. You still have time to apply for an award, but time is running out. The timeline for the GAF application process is below.

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<td>October 1, 2013</td>
<td>GAF applications open online at <a href="http://www.umkcwc.org">www.umkcwc.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>December 2, 2013</strong></td>
<td><strong>5 p.m. Deadline for application submission and faculty recommendations</strong></td>
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<td>Mid-December</td>
<td>GAF Committee members start the review process</td>
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<td>Early January 2014</td>
<td>Selections Committee meets to select recipients</td>
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<td>February 2014</td>
<td>Recipients notified by U.S. Mail</td>
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<td>March 18, 2014</td>
<td>10:30-11:15 a.m. GAF Donor and Recipient Coffee at Student Union</td>
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<td>11:30-1:00 p.m. GAF Luncheon to honor 2014 recipients</td>
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**AOA Inductees**

**Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society**

Congratulations to the new AOA inductees:

- Fizza Abbas
- Hassan Ahmad
- Christopher Brett
- Claire Hakan-Hickey
- Raza Hasan
- Prasanthi Kandula
- Monica Mikkilineni
- Sara Monfared
- Melanie Ruiz
- Hirak Shah

**USMLE Changes**

**Changes to USMLE® 2014 – 2015**

As medicine and medical education have changed over the years, so have USMLE examinations evolved since they were first administered in 1992. This is a brief summary of planned changes for the next few years.
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<td>In 2014 and 2015, examinees will see an increased focus on quality improvement principles, safety science, epidemiology, biostatistics, and population health, professionalism, and interpersonal and communications skills. These may be tested using item formats currently under development. If new item types are introduced into the examination, sample materials will be available on the USMLE website for examinees to review well in advance.</td>
<td>Step 2 CK will continue to focus on patient care and diagnosis. The format will continue to be a computer-administered examination, using multiple-choice questions.</td>
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### USMLE STEP 2 Clinical Skills (CS)

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<td>Further enhancements to the assessment of communications skills are being piloted. If the pilots are successful, these enhancements to Step 2 CS will be introduced into the exam no earlier than 2015, and will be announced well in advance.</td>
<td>Step 2 CS will continue to focus on examinees’ ability to gather information from patients, perform physical examinations, and communicate their findings to patients and colleagues. The examination will continue to use standardized patients to simulate patient encounters.</td>
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### USMLE STEP 1

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<td>In 2014 and 2015, examinees will see an increased focus on quality improvement principles and safety science.</td>
<td>Step 1 will continue to focus on traditional content areas in the basic sciences within a clinical context. The format will continue to be a computer-administered examination, using multiple-choice questions.</td>
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**Questions?**

Please check the USMLE website [www.usmle.org](http://www.usmle.org) for the latest updates and most complete information. You may contact us at [http://www.usmle.org/contact/](http://www.usmle.org/contact/).
Craig Turner
Annual
Toiletries Drive

ITEMS

- Face
  Toothbrushes
  Toothpaste
  Floss
- Alcohol-Free
  Mouthwash
- Bars of

Box for items located in Med School Lobby

6th years, be sure to stock up on items from hotels when you go
Winter Items Drive

November 11 - November 22

The Staff Council Outreach Committee & the School of Medicine's Staff Association are hosting a Winter Items Drive for reStart Inc. and Neighbor2Neighbor.

**MOST NEEDED ITEMS** (only new items please)
- Hats
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Socks
- Thermal (Long John)

reStart Inc. is an interfaith ministry with homeless persons committed to providing shelter and supportive services to homeless men, women, youth and families with the goal of helping them move toward independence and self-sufficiency and ending homelessness in our community.

Neighbor2Neighbor mission is to provide meals and meet other daily needs in the context of a supportive community among homeless and near-homeless persons in the Westport area of Kansas City.

For more information contact: staffcouncil@umkc.edu or MedStaffAssociation@umkc.edu

**DROP OFF LOCATIONS**
8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

- **Volker Campus**
  - Administrative Center Room 220
  - 5100 Rockhill Road

- **Hospital Hill Campus**
  - School of Medicine Lobby area
  - 2411 Holmes Street
  - Health Sciences Building
  - 2nd Floor
  - 2444 Charlotte Street
  - Dental School
  - 410
  - 650 E. 25th Street

**STUDENT ORGANIZATION MEETINGS AND OTHER EVENTS**
Acclaimed filmmaker Werner Herzog has made a short documentary
*From One Second to the Next* screens during the program *Texting & Driving: It Can Wait* on

**Wednesday, November 20, 2013**
- Reception: 6 p.m.
- Program: 6:30 p.m.
- Plaza Branch, 4801 Main St.

The event will also feature remarks by AT&T Missouri President John Sondag and Missouri State Senator Jason Holsman. Following the screening, Julie Breitenstein, whose son Austin was seriously injured when he crashed his truck while reading a text message, also will share her family’s story.

Admission is **free**. A 6 p.m. reception precedes the event. **RSVP at kclibrary.org or call 816.701.3407.**
Event

On September 23rd, 2013, the brand new Wellness Points Program App went live. The app allows students to earn points for various “wellness behaviors.” At the end of the school year, the docent team who earns the most wellness points wins a Yogurtini party.

To access the app visit www.med.umkc.edu/wellness/app

ORTHOPOD HAND & BONE SAW WORKSHOP

5:45 @ Theatre B (SOM)
*Dr. Hutchison, Hand Surgeon
*Stryker Ortho Equipment

Join us for dinner and lecture as Dr. Hutchison, pediatric hand surgeon at TMC and CMH, discusses the anatomy, common problems, and basic procedures of the hand. The lecture will be paralleled with a hands-on workshop to teach basic techniques of tools, plating, etc. Residents will be present to help. Space is limited. Email to RSVP

FACEBOOK: OSIG UMKC | EMAIL: OSIG.UMKC@GMAIL.COM
Begin logging your points and help your team win TODAY!

Please direct any issues, questions, or suggestions to Niloo Far Shahmohammadi at shahmohammadin@umkc.edu

Wellness Points Program Leader Board

Weeky Inspiration

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE FEARS
SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Cole County Medical Society Scholarship

Eligibility: 3-6 year students that graduated from high school in Cole, Moniteau or Osage county.

Looking from a student that has demonstrated exceptional intellectual and humanistic qualities in interactions with patients, peers and teachers.

Selection will be based on financial need, scholastic achievement and community involvement.

Amount: $3,000

Deadline: Applications due before January 2, 2014

Please contact Robin Hill for further details at hillrob@umkc.edu

Scholarship Boone County Medical Scholarship

Eligibility:
- Must be from and have graduated high school in Boone, Howard or Cooper county
- Must have completed his/her first semester of your clerkship year
- Demonstrates exceptional intellectual and humanistic qualities in interactions with patients, peers and teachers

Financial need is NOT a selection criterion for this scholarship.

Amount: $2,000

Deadline: February 15th

OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunity Service Project Funding

AOA is accepting nominations for its national Medical Student Service Leadership Project Award. Winning projects will be granted a total of $9000 over three years to help implement service projects in the community. Please see the attached flyer, 2014 MSSLP, for details. The application is due December 31st.
Opportunity

Humanities Institute

February 14-16, 2014
Sterling VA (Washington DC)
Application Deadline: Dec. 20*

The Humanities Institute is designed for students who appreciate the power of using creative expression to bear witness to their patients and their own experiences in medicine. Participants will be encouraged to learn how to analyze and share stories of illness with the goal of improving their skills of diagnosing, facilitating healing, education of patients and physicians. The AMSA Humanities Institute is an intensive experience with both didactic and experiential learning components. It combines student-led and field expert-led sessions. This year, participants may also have the opportunity to contribute to a post-institute publication. AMSA institutes are open to premedical, medical, resident, and allied health members.

Sessions Include:
- Narrative Medicine
- Writing for Advocacy
- Medical Journalism
- Art, Perception, & Diagnosis
- The Physician-Poet
- Writing for Wellness
- How Language Shapes the Illness Experience
- One-on-One Writing feedback
- Healers’ Voices: Open Mic Night
- Well Student Workshops: yoga, nutrition, managing stress

Program Fees: $0

Program fees for selected applicants are being covered by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation and Brown University Dept. of EM/Clinical Arts and Humanities Program.

Registration includes breakfast and lunch each day as well as 3 nights of hotel accommodations.

For more info please visit: http://www.neomedi.edu/academics/medicine/departments/family-medicine/education-and-faculty-development/william-carlos-williams-poetry-competition/william-carlos-williams-poetry-competition
William Carlos Williams Poetry Competition

The William Carlos Williams Poetry Competition, sponsored by the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) College of Medicine, is open to medical students attending schools of medicine or osteopathy in the U.S. and Canada.

Each year hundreds of entries are submitted to the competition and go through a rigorous screening by English faculty at NEOMED’s partner universities. The final judging is done by Richard Berlin, M.D., psychiatrist and poet from the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

The first-, second- and third-place winners will be invited to read their poetry at an awards ceremony at NEOMED. In addition, the editors of the Journal of Medical Humanities review the winning poems and consider them for possible publication in that journal.

**Entry Guidelines**
The entry deadline for the competition is Dec. 31, 2013. Learn more about complete guidelines and rules for submissions.

**Winning Poems**
The top three poets will be awarded $300, $200 and $100 respectively. In addition, the three winners will be invited to visit NEOMED on April 4, 2014, to read their poems. All travel expenses will be paid by the Department of Family and Community Medicine. Winning poems will be announced by March 31, 2014.

Opportunity

**Student Research Opportunity**
The Societies welcome applications from all qualified candidates and encourage women and members of underrepresented minorities to apply.

Consider a career in research related to pediatrics by participating in a Summer Student Research Program available from the America Pediatric Society and he Society for Pediatric Research.

The summer research program provides interested medical school students with the following:
- Research experience at an institution other than your own medical school
- Two to three months (40-hour weeks) in a research environment
- A stipend of $612.20 per day or a maximum of $5,508

Since 1991, more than 778 students have attained valuable experience in pediatric research groups. Currently more than 200 laboratories participate, allowing students to select a research program and group in their own area of interest.

U.S. and Canadian medical students seeking a research opportunity in pediatrics are encouraged to apply. Completed applications must be received by no later than January 24, 2014 to be eligible for evaluation for the 2014 Summer Student Research Program. Application packets and the Directory of Research Opportunities are available on our website at [www.aps-spr.org](http://www.aps-spr.org)
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.