Getting to Know

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Department: Student Affairs

Title: Education Team Coordinator, Gold

Job Description: I help students with their schedules, with any issues they might be having, and hopefully keep them on track to graduate!

Birth date: October 21

What is your biggest pet peeve? Inconsiderate behavior

What is your family setup? One husband, one little girl, and one small cat

What is your favorite family tradition? Overeating

What was the worst grade you ever got and in which class was it? I bombed Health class as an undergraduate b/c I didn’t take it seriously. Stupid and expensive mistake

What is your favorite movie? Hedwig and the Angry Inch
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
Gold IV Administrative Assistant
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/). 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
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.

### USMLE STEP 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK)

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<td>In 2014 and 2015, examinations 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/).
ATTENTION ALL SOM STUDENTS:

Flu shots are now offered FREE through Concentra. Flu shots are REQUIRED for all CMH rotations, and STRONGLY RECOMMENDED for all TMC rotations. Please go to Concentra (address below) for your FREE flu shot on any of the following dates during normal business hours, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Please remember to bring your student ID.

Friday, 12/6
Tues, 12/10
Wed 12/11
Thurs 12/12
Fri 12/13

Address:

Center Operations Director-Crossroads
Concentra
200 Southwest Blvd
Kansas City, MO 64108
(p) 816-842-1146 (f) 816-283-3603
WHAT: Women in Medicine Panel – Work/Life Balance
WHEN: Wednesday, December 4th, 2013
WHERE: Theater A

This Wednesday, December 4th 2013 the UMKC School of Medicine Wellness Program Presents:

Women in Medicine
Dr. Brenda Rogers
Dr. Sara Gardner
Dr. Jacqueline Kitchen
Dr. Julie Wesp

If you are interested in hearing straight from female physicians who are balancing rigorous specialties and family life, then join us in Theater A from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a panel discussion

This event was a HUGE HIT in 2011 and we are excited to bring you some new perspectives from some amazing female physicians! 😊
Hey YOU!
Got what it takes…
to save lives!?

What you say and how you say it affects patient outcomes.

From children to adults, consent to prognosis, chronic pain, somatoform disorders, or any emotional interaction; our panel discussion will help prepare you for your future patient communications.

December 4th (Wednesday)

5:00 pm

Theater C

Food for thought and your belly!!
Thursday December 5th 12pm
HSB 3301 & WOO15

Plan on attending this important informational session, especially if you answer yes to any of the following questions:

Do you find yourself hearing the terms “marketplace”, “insurance exchange”, “navigator”, “application counselor”, but do not really know what it all means?
Do you have patients asking your opinion about signing up for insurance through the Marketplace but they are unsure how to go about it?
Do you find yourself confused about the whole Marketplace?
Would you like to be a resource for your patients to better answer their questions?

Guest speakers will be available on both campuses to answer some general questions that all health professionals should know.

**Sign ups will be available for those that wish to obtain additional training to volunteer with CACs across the state to help patients navigate the Marketplace**

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**Event**

**Year 5 PBA Information Session**

In February, year 5 students will complete the Year 5 Performance-Based Assessment (PBA) exam. This will help assess your readiness for the USMLE Step 2 CS exam you will take next year and give you feedback on areas that may need to be addressed prior to taking the exam.

To help you prepare for the exam, Dr. Miranda Huffman, the exam director, and Courtney McCain, standardized patient coordinator, will offer an informational session on Monday, January 6th at 5:30 p.m. in Theater A.

Please feel free to bring dinner or a snack.

We will review the exam format, how you will be graded, and strategies to prepare for the exam. You will be given the opportunity to ask questions. The event will be recorded for those students whose schedule do not allow them to attend.

Hope to see you there!
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

Begin logging your points and help your team win TODAY!

Please direct any issues, questions, or suggestions to Nilooofar Shahmohammadi at shahmohammadin@umkc.edu
Wellness Points
Program Leader
Board

UMKC School of Medicine Wellness Program

Leaderboard

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Weekly Inspiration

A HERO IS NO BRAVER THAN AN ORDINARY MAN, BUT HE IS BRAVE FIVE MINUTES LONGER.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON
QUOTESEVERLASTING.COM
## SCHOLARSHIPS

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<th>Cole County Medical Society Scholarship</th>
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<td>Looking from a student that has demonstrated exceptional intellectual and humanistic qualities in interactions with patients, peers and teachers.</td>
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<td><strong>Financial need is NOT a selection criterion for this scholarship.</strong></td>
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## OPPORTUNITIES

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<td>It’s that time of year to be thankful and also give back. You can help by donating food for those in need. This year, in collaboration with UBP of UMKC Volker Campus, Kappa Epsilon will be hosting a canned good drive for Harvesters!!! Additionally if you donate 5 canned goods at one time you get a chance to enter a raffle for an APPLE iPad. To get your raffle ticket, show your 5 canned goods to Mary Swick in the Office of Student Affairs at the Pharmacy School and write your name and email address on the back of your raffle ticket, then place it in the bucket!!! The drive will last from 11/18/13 - 12/10/13, with the raffle taking place on 12/10/13.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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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 diagnosis, 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 pre-medical, 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.neomed.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

32nd 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 his 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.

American Pediatric Society / Society for Pediatric Research, Student Research Program
3400 Research Forest Dr., Ste. B-7, The Woodlands, TX 77381 ~ Phone: 281-419-0052 ~ Fax: 281-419-0082
www.aps-spr.org ~ student-research@aps-spr.org
Opportunity 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.