GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Getting to Know

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If you could go on vacation anywhere, where would you go? There are three places that I must see before my time is up: 1. Victoria Falls – Border of Zimbabwe and Zambia. 2. Thailand – I need to experience it, I’m fascinated by Asia. 3. India – I love all the colors of India, anytime I see pictures of India the colors just seem so much more vibrant than anywhere I am.

What is your best memory? I have many, but I would say my absolute favorite memory is my wedding day. You could just feel the love and happiness radiating. I think that’s why the day was so hot it was just love pouring out of everyone and into the atmosphere. There were surprises, dancing, and great company.

What was the worst grade you ever got and in which class was it? – I got an F in Finance during college (K-State), I had to retake it ended with a B-. It was notorious for being one of the hardest classes in the College of Business. Ironically, I ended marrying the guy that received the highest grade in our Finance class (400 student lecture hall).

If you could be any animal, what would you be and why? I would be an elephant. They’re such thoughtful majestic creatures, so gentle. I also wouldn’t mind being tall.

Which song do you have playing on repeat right now? Daft Punk featuring Pharell – Get Lucky – ahhhhhh, I love this song! It’s so refreshing. Can’t wait for the whole album.
**Inclement Weather**

The SOM Inclement Weather Policy can be located at [http://www.med.umkc.edu/m/docenthb/weatherPolicy.php](http://www.med.umkc.edu/m/docenthb/weatherPolicy.php).

When the Volker campus is not in session (breaks or weekends), SOM personnel will assess the weather and road conditions to make a decision about student participation. A notice will be placed on the SOM website by 6 am only if students are excused from their clinical and academic responsibilities for the day.

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**USMLE Step 1 Changes**

Dear Students,

We recently received a notice from USMLE that the minimum passing score on USMLE Step 1 will be raised from 188 to 192. The change will be applied to Step 1 examinees testing on or after January 1, 2014.

Accordingly, the School of Medicine has also adjusted CBSE readiness criteria to take effect for students testing on or after January 1, 2014:

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<td>62-66</td>
<td>The student can sign up for Step 1 window but may not set a test date yet. The student must take a 2nd CBSE and must score 67+ in order to sit for Step 1.</td>
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<td>61 and below</td>
<td>The student will be required to meet with the Manager of Student Affairs to discuss readiness for a 2nd CBSE. The student may not set a window or a test date until after this meeting.</td>
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**USMLE Step 2 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.
USMLE STEP 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK)

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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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<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) for the latest updates and most complete information. You may contact us at http://www.usmle.org/contact/.

GET YOUR FLU VACCINE!!

The Infection Control Departments at the UMKC SOM affiliated hospitals are reporting large numbers of patients with Influenza A. This flu strain is preventable with this year’s flu vaccine. If you have not yet obtained your flu vaccine, please do so immediately.

FREE flu vaccines are available to all medical students at Concentra, 200 Southwest Blvd.
Kansas City, MO. (Across the street from Manny’s restaurant.) Present your student ID to the clerk and you will receive the vaccine.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION MEETINGS AND OTHER EVENTS

Hospital Hill Volunteers at Harvesters!
The Hospital Hill Student Leadership Committee has organized an opportunity for Hospital Hill students to help out at Harvesters. Come on out for a good cause, and to get to know some of your fellow students on the Hill!

The event is January 28th from 6-8 pm. We will be sorting canned foods and goods for those who are less fortunate.

Harvesters is located at 3801 Topping Ave., Kansas City, MO 64129

Please RSVP by January 14th!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13WeiOlihd3ux1mLSRZ72RR8C4WolAex4pbyAi3exEM/viewform?usp=sharing&editRequested=true

Pediatric Interest Group January Meeting

PIG will be holding our January meeting on Wednesday the 15th in the humanities room on the 4th floor of the SOM. Pizza will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Emergency Medicine Interest Group

Our next meeting will be January 15th at 5:30pm in Theater B. We will have a resident come in and discuss ortho emergencies with us. All years are welcome. Free food included! We are also having a separate meeting on January 23rd at 5:30pm in the Humanities conference room where some of our sixth years will come in and talk about out-of-town rotations. This is a great opportunity to get an idea of what to expect and to get your questions answered.

E-mail emig.umkc@gmail.com with questions.
**Pediatric Orthopaedics!**
**Dr. Nigel Price** on Spinal surgery

UMKC Medical School
Theater C
Thursday, January 16th @ 5:30 PM

Dr. Price is an orthopedic spine surgeon practicing in nearby CMH. He is going to come to UMKC and discuss the aspects of spine surgery and compare and contrast itself to Neurosurgery.

Dinner will be provided!!

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**Seconds Servings**

**Live Well Luncheon**

Seconds Servings is based on our observations of the homeless and needy around Kansas City. We are inspired partly by a national organization called Campus Kitchen that believes in "student-powered hunger relief."

Come help us pack healthy and delicious bagged lunches for the underprivileged on

Saturday, January 18th - UMKC SOM in Theater C at 2 pm

Food will be provided!

With your help, we can improve our community and help those in need. We look forward to meeting you!

Email us at umksecondservings@gmail.com if you have any questions.
Family Medicine Interest Group Meeting

Launching Your International Healthcare Career with Dr. Comninellis

Thursday, January 23rd 5:30pm
Theater B
FREE PIZZA.

Please RSVP to fmigumkc@gmail.com
Domestic Violence Awareness

Talk and Q&A with Friends of Yates, Inc. representative Demetrius Hurt

Where:
UMKC School of Medicine Theater A

When:
Friday January 24, 2014 6 PM

Learn how to prevent it
Learn how to help others

Hosted by the Student National Medical Association
Mood Screenings

When: Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 11AM—1PM
Where: Theater B
What: A brief mood screening administered by professionals from the UMKC Counseling Center

Even if you don’t think you suffer from a mood disorder, as a future physician we encourage you to experience a screening so that you can better understand the process and learn about the symptoms to be aware of in yourself, friends, or patients.

Prize!!!: All those who complete a screening will have their name entered in a drawing to win a $25 gift card!!! Bring a friend to the screening to earn 1 bonus entry!

Questions? Contact Nilooofar Shahmohammadi shahmohammadin@umkc.edu
Student Research Event

Snow Ball Save the Date!!! Snow Ball 2014

Snow Ball will be held on March 8th, 2014. Please save the date and check back for more information. For more info contact MSAC Social Chair Kevin Gibas at kmgnkc@mail.umkc.edu

Contact: Please contact the Office of Research Administration with any questions at: SOMresearch@umkc.edu. We will update Student Research Summit 2014 page as updates become available. The SOM poster template is already available on the site.

Save the Date!!! Snow Ball 2014

UMKC Health Sciences Student Research Summit

1/2/14–2/18/14
Submit SOM Abstract

2/24/14  Posters due to SOM Research Administration

3/14/14–3/31/14  Students meet with SOM poster advisor

Research Admin submits posters to SOM for printing

4/17/14 Student Research Summit at Student Union

WELLNESS
Wellness Points Program

Wellness Points Program App

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 Niloo Shahmohammadi at shahmohammadin@umkc.edu

Wellness Points Program Leader Board

Weekly Inspiration

A YEAR FROM NOW YOU WILL WISH YOU HAD STARTED TODAY
SCHOLARSHIPS

Doctor William Jones McElhiney Medical School Scholarship

Requirements: Must be a student at a Missouri medical school and have graduated from high school in either Saint Charles County or Lincoln County.

Amount: $5,000

Deadline: February 2, 2014

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

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

Welsford and Mildred Clark Medical Memorial Scholarship Fund

Eligibility Requirements:
- Professional year 3 students (year 5 if BA/MD)
- Resident of Connecticut for 5 years or graduated from high school there
- Able to demonstrate financial need
- Transcripts and Step 1 score reflect academic excellence

Amount: Up to $20,000

Deadline: April 30th

See Robin Hill for details if above criteria is met.

OPPORTUNITIES

Family Medicine Rotation Opportunity

The new Kaiser Permanente Napa-Solano Family Medicine Residency Program in Napa, California will be launching in July 2014. The program will be offering a rotation in family medicine sub-internship for 5th and 6th year students. This experience will exemplify the breadth and depth of family medicine, showcase the healthcare system and opportunities of Kaiser Permanente Napa-Solano, and expose and prepare medical students to a potential career in family medicine.
See the attached document for more information and an application.

Pediatric Research

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 the 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 $6120 per day or a maximum of $55,508

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 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
Medical Student Research Program in Diabetes and Obesity 2014

WHAT:
Conduct laboratory-based, clinical, or translational research under the direction of an established scientist in the area of diabetes or obesity. Prior research experience is not required.

WHEN:
Summer between the first and second year, or between the second and third year, of medical school.

WHY:
Encourage medical students to consider a research career focused on diabetes or obesity.

WHERE:
One of NIH-funded Diabetes Research Centers:
- Boston Area Diabetes Research Center
- Columbia University
- Johns Hopkins/University of Maryland
- Joslin Diabetes Center/Harvard University
- University of Alabama, Birmingham
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, San Francisco
- University of Chicago
- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Washington
- Vanderbilt University
- Washington University
- Yale University

Information and Application:
- Students conduct research with an established scientist in the areas of diabetes, hormone action, physiology, insulin biology, or obesity for 2-3 months (receive a stipend).
- Weekly seminars about diabetes and obesity.
- Students present results at a national research symposium.
- Commencement dates and duration are flexible.

Application deadline for summer 2014: 11:59 pm CST February 3, 2014
http://medicalstudentdiabetesresearch.org
nldk.diabetes.student.research@vanderbilt.edu
Summer 2014

Medical Student Research Opportunity
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

Diabetes and Obesity Research
Kidney Disease Research
Digestive Disease Research

- Conduct research during summer of 2014 under direction of a Vanderbilt scientist. (Stipend provided, approx. $1,800/month).
- Laboratory-based, clinical, or translational research in the areas of diabetes, obesity, kidney disease, or digestive disease. (No prior research experience required).
- Career advice and clinical and research seminars about diabetes, obesity, kidney disease, and digestive disease.
- Present research results at a national symposium (August 6th – August 7th, 2014 in Nashville).
- Medical Student Participation:
  o Must start on or before June 16th, 2014 and continue for a minimum of two months.
  o Must be a US citizen or permanent resident.

Application deadline for summer of 2014 is February 10, 2014.

http://www.vanderbiitsrtp.org

Student Research Training Program
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
2213 Garland Avenue, 7465 MRBIV
Nashville, TN 37232-0475
(615) 938-1760
stu.rees@vanderbilt.edu
**Research Award**

**ASTRO Minority Fellowship**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The American Osler Society

William B. Bean Student Research Award

Supporting Research by Medical Students in Medical History and Medical Humanities

- Candidates must be current students at accredited medical schools in the U.S. or Canada.
- The research award is $1,500.
- Successful applicants may be invited to present his/her research findings at a subsequent meeting of the American Osler Society (expenses paid, see below).
- The deadline for submission of applications is March 1, 2014.

William B. Bean, M.D. was the first president of the American Osler Society and, like Dr. Osler, was an outstanding physician, educator, humanist, and historian.

About Sir William Osler

At the time of his death, Sir William Osler (1849-1919) was the most famous physician in the English-speaking world. The American Osler Society was founded in 1970 to memorialize and perpetuate the just and charitable life, intellectual resourcefulness, and ethical example of Osler.

The Bean Award Committee will consider the following criteria in evaluating proposals:

1. The project should represent scholarship in medical history and/or the medical humanities
2. The goal should be stated clearly
3. The goal should be realistic
4. The applicant should demonstrate familiarity with the relevant literature, in part through appropriate citations
5. Originality and a scholarly approach

A letter of support from a faculty sponsor outlining the applicant’s qualifications to conduct this research, as well as the sponsor’s interest in the project and willingness to provide guidance and ensure completion of the project within the proposed time period, must accompany the application form, which can be obtained at the American Osler Society’s website: www.americanosler.org. Contingent on submission of a paper acceptable to the Bean Award Committee, the American Osler Society may make available additional funding to pay for travel to (not to exceed $750) and expenses (including hotel, meals, etc.) at the annual meeting.

Please send application materials via email to Renee Ziemer, AOS Administrator at acarenze@gmail.com. Completed applications must be received by March 1, 2014. Notice of awards will be made by April 15, 2014.

**ASTRO Minority Summer Fellowship Award**

What is the goal of the Minority Summer Fellowship Award?

The purpose of the ASTRO Minority Summer Fellowship Award is to introduce medical students from backgrounds that are under-represented in medicine to the discipline of radiation oncology early in their medical education. Although medical students in all years are encouraged to apply, preference will be given to first- and second-year students. In an effort to promote radiation oncology as a career choice, the fellowship will provide medical students with an experience designed to expose students to clinical, basic and translational research questions in radiation oncology.

What are the terms of the award?

The ASTRO Minority Summer Fellowship Grant offers each student a $3,000 package that includes a $2,400 stipend for an eight-week training program and $600 toward attendance to
the ASTRO Annual Meeting the following year (2015). Host departments may provide additional support depending on the outcomes of the fellowship. The grantee will receive a direct payment of $2,400 paid at the beginning of the fellowship upon receipt of a confirmation letter, definite timeline and completed W-9 form (award winners will be given more detailed instructions in their notification letters). ASTRO does not pay indirect costs, overhead costs or salary support for the principal or co-principal investigator and has no responsibility for support beyond that stated in this application. The grantee must submit an abstract to the 2015 ASTRO Annual Meeting before the abstract submission site closes. An additional $600 is set aside to help offset travel expenses to the Annual meeting. The grantee will submit travel expenditures with a completed expense form and itemized receipts after attending the meeting and will reimbursed for up to $600 (any additional costs are the responsibility of the grantee).

To apply, please visit:  www.astro.org/minoritysummerfellowship

Applications must be received no later than March 7, 2014

Medical Writing Opportunity!

We are a group of physicians with a nationally recognized and highly regarded test prep company currently seeking students to author practice questions similar to those on the USMLE Step 1, 2-CK, and 3 exams.

This is an exciting opportunity for senior medical students and alumni to:

1.) Receive competitive compensation while learning

2.) Help others while contributing to the forefront of medical education

3.) Add an interesting and impressive position to their CV.

We are screening and selecting a body of qualified writers from top medical schools in the country. If selected, you will play a key role in authoring the high quality practice exams representing challenging and effective test preparation for tomorrow’s medical students.

We continually have the pleasure of hearing about the positive experiences our authors have and thanking us for the opportunity of working with our experts, helping others, and increasing their personal knowledge.

If you are interested, please email a cover letter to Brian (recruiting coordinator) explaining why you’re a good candidate along with your CV at: testprepjobs@gmail.com
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...
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](mailto:shahmohammadin@umkc.edu) for inclusion in the In the Know.

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