Brenda Rogers

Department: Student Affairs

Title: Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics

Birth date: December 13 (yes, I was born on a Friday)

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!
The SOM Inclement Weather Policy can be located at 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.

Any students who still have a Fitbit MUST return the Fitbit to the Wellness Office or a hold will be placed on the student’s account. If you have lost or damaged your Fitbit you are responsible for the cost of the device. Contact: shahmohammadin@umkc.edu

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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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.
**ATTENTION ALL SOM STUDENTS:**

Flu shots are offered FREE through Concentra on a walk-in basis. Flu shots are REQUIRED for all CMH rotations in addition to rotations that might visit any CMH location, and STRONGLY RECOMMEND for all TMC rotations. **Please note that ALL OTHER IMMUNIZATIONS SHOULD BE REQUESTED THROUGH YOUR ETC.**

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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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**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/).
If authorized, all immunizations provided through Concentra are free.

Address:
Concentra
200 Southwest Blvd
Kansas City, MO 64108
(p) 816-842-1146 (f) 816-283-3603

FIT Testing

ATTENTION ALL YEARS 3-6 SOM STUDENTS:
TMC is embarking on their annual requirement for Fit Testing. Careful attention is required from each of us to assure that TMC meets the goals of the Fit Testing Initiative.
All FIT testing will be done at TMC, and all students MUST have the tests!!!
You may walk-in during the given times below.

Fit Testing Schedule 2014

Lakewood
Location – Occupational Health Area 3rd Floor Main Elevators
(Elevator to the old LDRP area)

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Hospital Hill
Location – TMC Health Sciences Building Main Entrance

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### Student Ambassadors

**Become a School of Medicine Ambassador!**

The School of Medicine Office of Admissions is looking for students who are interested in serving as Student Ambassadors for the School of Medicine. Students who have enjoyed their experience at the School of Medicine and would like to share that experience with prospective students are encouraged to apply. We are looking for students that are interested in giving tours of the School of Medicine, communicating with prospective students, assisting with interview days and campus visit days, and attending recruitment events.

To apply, please complete the application by February 3rd. The application can be found here: [http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=a69k6hdab&oeidk=a07e8s2xiqiecaf55d8](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=a69k6hdab&oeidk=a07e8s2xiqiecaf55d8)

If you have any questions please contact Brian Steele at steelebr@umkc.edu

### Website Focus Group

**OPINIONS NEEDED FOR NEW WEBSITE**

UMKC School of Medicine is currently redesigning its website. We will have focus groups for students to review the new website. Each session should take about 30 minutes to an hour. Please click the link to sign up. Space is limited to 30 at each session.

- **Tuesday, Feb. 4 - 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** in the Computer Testing Lab [Register here.](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=a69k6hdab&oeidk=a07e8s2xiqiecaf55d8)
- **Wednesday, Feb. 5, 5-6 p.m.** in the Computer Testing Lab [Register here.](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=a69k6hdab&oeidk=a07e8s2xiqiecaf55d8)

Questions? Contact Kristy Wegner at hillwegnerk@umkc.edu.

### Student Organization Meetings and Other Events

- **2/16/14 - Closed** Sunday - Closed  
  **Closed**
- **2/17/14** Monday 7:00am-3:00pm
- **2/18/14** Tuesday 7:00am-3:00pm
- **2/19/14** Wednesday 11:00am-7:00pm
- **2/20/14** Thursday 11:00am-7:00pm
- **2/21/14** Friday 7:00am-3:00pm

Thank you and please call Teresa Pearson at 404-2770 or 404-8730 if you have questions.
Family Medicine Interest Group Meeting

Launching Your International Healthcare Career with Dr. Comminellis

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
Learnt how to help others

Hosted by the Student National Medical Association
**Wellness Event**

**Basketball Game**

Hospital Hill Night with the UMKC Men's Basketball Team!

Come out and support your UMKC Men's Basketball team as they take on Grand Canyon alongside students from the School of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy!!

The game is **Saturday, February 1st at 7:05pm** in Municipal Auditorium.

UMKC students get in **FREE** with your student ID.

Johnny's Tavern is a few blocks from Municipal and hosts the pregame happy hour event for UMKC.

Municipal Auditorium is located at 301 W 13th St, Kansas City, MO 64105

Feel free to email me, Kayla Hecht, at kehr47@mail.umkc.edu for any questions!!

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**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 Niloofer Shahmohammadi shahmohammadin@umkc.edu
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.
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 Niloofar Shahmohammadi at shahmohammadin@umkc.edu

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**Weekly Inspiration**

WORRY IS THE INTEREST PAID IN ADVANCE ON A DEBT YOU MAY NEVER OWE.
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| 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 |

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| 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. |
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.

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 $61.20 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 websites at www.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 area 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 conclusion are flexible.

Application deadline for summer 2014:
11:59 pm CST February 3, 2014
http://medicalstudentdiabetesresearch.org
nlcldk.diabetes.student.research@vanderbilt.edu
AMSA Medical Humanities-National Publication Opportunity

Medical Humanities Scholars Program through the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) is seeking submissions for an anthology of medical humanities-related works created by current medical students from all over the country. We are particularly interested in works (including but not limited to creative/reflective writings, poetry, journalism, or art) that express feelings and thoughts about the process of becoming a physician, and how physicians are able to be storytellers in their day-to-day training and practice.

Those interested can email submissions to mhsp.anthology@gmail.com before February 14th.

For questions or more information, contact Gabrielle Langmann at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine at langmann.gabrielle@medstudent.pitt.edu.
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
Hematology Research Experience for Medical Students
Advance your education by participating in the ASH® Minority Medical Student Award Program (MMSAP)

The MMSAP engages medical students in the field of hematology by providing participants with a stipend to complete an eight- to 12-week research experience in the lab of an ASH member. Participants also receive travel support to attend the ASH annual meeting and the guidance of two mentors. Monitoring begins during the application phase and continues throughout medical school and residency. This program is open to minority medical students from the United States or Canada who are enrolled in a DO, MD, or MD/PhD program. There is no fee to apply. Visit the ASH website at the address below for specific eligibility requirements.

Benefits of the MMSAP:
- A stipend of $5,000 for a research project
- An allowance of $2,000 for travel to the ASH annual meeting during the initial award year
- An allowance of $1,000 for travel to the ASH annual meeting awarded each subsequent year through medical school and residency
- Complimentary online subscriptions to Blood and The Hematologist that continue through medical school and residency
- The guidance of a research and a career-development mentor

Important Deadlines
Applications must be received by March 10, 2014. If you would like to be matched with a research mentor, please visit the ASH website at the address below or contact ASH at awards@hematology.org by January 6, 2014.

For more information, including eligibility requirements and application process, visit www.hematology.org/mmsap.

Questions?
Contact ASH at awards@hematology.org or by phone at 503-776-0544.

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 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.