Getting to Know

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Title: Administrative Assistant
Birth date: May 20th

What is your family setup? I don’t have any kids but I have a pet parakeet named Rico and a yorkie named Leylah.

What are your hobbies? I love spending time with family and friends.

What is your favorite food? Pickles and Buffalo Wings

What is your best memory? Taking my mother to the Bahamas. We had such a good time!
Where did you grow up? St. Louis, MO
Inclement Weather

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.

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>67+</td>
<td>The student can sign up for a Step 1 window, set a test date, and sit for the exam.</td>
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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>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.

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

STUDENT ORGANIZATION MEETINGS AND OTHER EVENTS

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!

Event

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/13WeiOlihd3usx1mLSRZ72RR8C4WolAex4pbyAi3exEM/viewform?usp=sharing&edit_requested=true
Wellness Points Program

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

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.
Begin logging your points and help your team win TODAY!

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

Wellness Points Program Leader Board

UMKC School of Medicine Wellness Program

Leaderboard

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Weekly Inspiration

This is the year my DREAMS are bigger than my fears.

2014

www.thelightworkersacademy.com
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<td><strong>Eligibility:</strong></td>
<td>3-6 year students that graduated from high school in Cole, Moniteau or Osage county.</td>
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<td>Looking for a student that has demonstrated exceptional intellectual and humanistic qualities in interactions with patients, peers and teachers.</td>
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<td>Selection will be based on financial need, scholastic achievement and community involvement.</td>
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<td><strong>Amount:</strong></td>
<td>$3,000</td>
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<td><strong>Deadline:</strong></td>
<td>Applications due before January 2, 2014</td>
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<td>Must be a student at a Missouri medical school and have graduated from high school in either Saint Charles County or Lincoln County.</td>
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<td>Must have completed his/her first semester of your clerkship year</td>
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<td>Demonstrates 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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<td>Able to demonstrate financial need</td>
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<td>Transcripts and Step 1 score reflect academic excellence</td>
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**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.

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**National Cancer Institute – Research**

Funded since 1977 by the National Cancer Institute, our eight-week research program is offered to first- or second-year medical students interested in the field of oncology and/or related biomedical sciences. Additional support is provided by the MSKCC Office of Diversity Programs in Clinical Care, Research and Training, and the MSKCC Office of Faculty Development. Students in the program will:

- Gain clinical or laboratory research experience mentored by MSKCC faculty
- Interact with MSKCC physicians, PhD investigators, post-doctoral fellows and graduate students
- Attend a weekly lecture series presented by world-renowned MSKCC faculty
- Present their summer research to peers and MSKCC faculty during the final week of the program
- Receive a $5800 stipend (all housing and transportation expenses are the participants responsibility)

The 2014 application and project proposals will be available on our website [www.mskcc.org/summerfellowships](http://www.mskcc.org/summerfellowships) starting December 16, 2013 at 9:00 AM EST. All materials must be received by January 13, 2014 at 5:00 PM EST.

Pending sponsor’s approval accepted students may participate in either program block:
June 16 – August 8 or June 23 – August 15

Enclosed are copies of our 2014 brochure. Please visit our website for additional information: [www.mskcc.org/summerfellowships](http://www.mskcc.org/summerfellowships)

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
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 American 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 $615.20 per day or a maximum of $5,508

Since 1991, more than 770 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. 6-7, The Woodlands, TX 77381 ~ Phone: 281-419-0052 ~ Fax: 281-419-0082
www.aps-spr.org ~ student.research@aps-spr.org
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:
  - Must start on or before June 16th, 2014 and continue for a minimum of two months.
  - Must be a US citizen or permanent resident.

Application deadline for summer of 2014 is February 10, 2014.
http://www.vanderbiltsrtp.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
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...
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 Nilofar Shahmohammadi at shahmohammadin@umkc.edu.