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Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

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1. General Announcements

- Welcome back! We hope that your semester is off to a great start. If you need to see your advisor, please call 616-331-8585 to make an appointment. As you look ahead to course registration for the upcoming school year or for spring/summer courses, please try to make an appointment in advance. Our office gets very busy in March, and it would be wise to try to come in by the end of February if possible.
- Are you looking for ways to **get involved** on campus? See [Stuey](#) for more information about GVSU's 350+ registered student organizations.
- January is National Blood Donor Month! Spread the word to your friends and family.
- Need help formulating your **personal statement**? A workshop on writing personal statements will be held on Thursday, January 26 from 2-4 p.m. (Location TBA). Check CLAS Academic Advising Center e-mails and announcements for more information.
- A **Health Experience workshop** will be held on Tuesday, February 7 from 4-6 p.m. in 102 MAN. Come hear about ways to volunteer and get involved in the local and global health care settings.
- Professional Test Prep will be starting soon! Test preparation for students preparing for professional school admittance tests like the MCAT, DAT, PCAT, and OAT will begin Thursday, January 19 from 6-9 p.m. and continue for 7 weeks. Please log on to <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22EDXTWGLJL> for registration and go to www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising/ecommerce.htm to make your payment (stop in to CLAS Advising, C-1-140 MAK to pay with cash or check). Cost is \$20 or \$25 depending on the exam you are preparing for.

2. Program & Scholarship Announcements

- Planning to apply to the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine's Early Assurance Program? The online application is now available: <http://mdadmissions.msu.edu/EAP/eap.php>. Applications are due February 15, 2012.
- Are you interested in helping others around the world? Check out www.ISOnline.org to learn more about International Service Learning. Students can join a health team during Spring Break. Trips include opportunities to travel, serve the underserved, and gain a fresh perspective on global health issues. 9-Day teams available to Belize, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, and the Dominican Republic and Haiti.
- The Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Health Sciences and Health Careers Pipeline is excited to announce a new, interdisciplinary program, **Summer Academic Enrichment Program (SAEP)**, for upper level undergraduate students! Highlights of SAEP include challenging course work in the biological sciences, discipline specific instruction, and engaging summer workshops. Visit <http://www.dhsd.vcu.edu/programs/college/saep.html> for more information and the online application. Questions can be sent to plineapp@vcu.edu, or 804-827-0982. Application deadline is March 1, 2012.
- The **Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine will again host the Summer Scholars Program**. The Summer Scholars program is a tremendous academic experience for underrepresented or educationally or economically disadvantaged students to grow

personally and be challenged professionally on the OU-HCOM campus. The program replicates what will be experienced in the first year of medical school. Courses, taught by OU-HCOM faculty, include gross anatomy (with cadaver dissection), histology, immunology, biochemistry, integrated biomedical sciences, an introduction to case based learning (CBL), and workshops dealing with the admission process, time management and many other experiences relevant to the medical school experience. The Summer Scholars Program is six weeks in length and includes room and board, a living allowance, travel expenses, and the potential for a guaranteed interview for the entering class at the medical school. Detailed information, eligibility requirements, and application materials can be obtained by going to the Summer Scholars web site at www.oucom.ohiou.edu/SummerScholars.

The deadline for application is March 1, 2012. If you have any questions about the program, please contact the OU-HCOM Office of Admissions at 800-345-1560.

The **Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine** will also host the **Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program**. The SURF program provides a wide variety of summer research opportunities for undergraduate students interested in careers in medicine or biomedical research. Participants in this program work in an active research lab under the guidance of a biomedical science faculty member. The goal is to expose students to the challenges, excitement and satisfaction of research. The SURF program is 7 weeks in length and includes room & board, a living allowance, 8 quarter hours of biology credit and the potential for a guaranteed interview for the entering class at the medical school. Detailed information, eligibility requirements, and application materials can be obtained by going to the SURF web site at www.oucom.ohiou.edu/surfprog.htm. **The deadline for application is February 1, 2012.** If you have any questions about the program, please contact the OU-HCOM Admissions Office at 800-345-1560.

- Interested in learning more about **science and biotechnology research** as a career? The UW Amgen Scholars Program is a premiere summer STEM research program that provides a transformative opportunity for undergraduates to explore and prepare for careers in scientific research. For more information, visit: <http://www.washington.edu/research/urp/amgen>. The application for the 2012 UW Amgen Scholars Summer Research Program is now live! APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2012. To learn more about the program, register to attend an upcoming Amgen Scholars Program Information Session: <http://www.washington.edu/research/urp/courses/info/amgeninfosession.html>. Or, contact Tracy Nyerges, Program Coordinator at uwamgen@uw.edu with any questions or to make an appointment.
- The **University of Michigan Future Public Health Leaders Program (FPHLP)** is a 10-week summer program at the University of Michigan School of Public Health (UM-SPH) whose goal is to increase the diversity of the public health workforce. Participants receive leadership training, orientation to the public health disciplines, and real world work experience. The program is designed to foster knowledge of, excitement about, and commitment to the elimination of health inequalities. Program dates: May 27-August 3, 2012.

Program includes: 8-week internship in a public health agency, 2-week training and skill-building sessions at the UM-SPH (Ann Arbor, MI) & CDC (Atlanta, GA), \$3500 Stipend, weekly site visits to key public health organizations in MI, housing in U-M residence hall, round trip travel from your home to Ann Arbor, MI, local transportation to and from work site, and a Kaplan GRE Preparation course.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizen, permanent resident or U.S. National;
- Member of a racial or ethnic minority group that is currently underrepresented in the public health workforce as defined by the CDC: (Black/African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino, Asian American, or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander);
- Successful completion of a minimum of 2 years (or equivalent) of undergraduate study from an accredited college or university in the U.S., Puerto Rico, or other U.S. territory;
- Students with an Associate's degree must provide proof of acceptance into a four-year institution;
- Recent Graduates (after April 2011) who have not been accepted into a graduate program;
- Suggested 2.8 or higher cumulative GPA ;
- Interest in pursuing a career in public health, specifically health behavior/health education or environmental health sciences;
- Demonstrated leadership in extracurricular or community activities;
- Interest and/or involvement in efforts to address health inequalities;
- Demonstrated success in math, physical and/or social/behavioral sciences.

To Apply:

Download the application at: [http://sitemaker.umich.edu/um-fphp/files/fphp2012_application .pdf](http://sitemaker.umich.edu/um-fphp/files/fphp2012_application.pdf). The deadline to apply is **February 10, 2012**.

Further questions: Charlita Daniels, Summer Programs Manager [fph.program \[at\] umich.edu](mailto:fph.program[at]umich.edu)

NOTE: For those interested in internships in the field of Health Management and Policy, please apply to the University of Michigan [Summer Enrichment Program in Health Management & Policy \(SEP\)](#).

- The University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center is pleased to announce that its **U of M CVC Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program** for 2012 is now accepting applications. This fellowship program will provide up to twelve full-time summer research opportunities at the University of Michigan for talented undergraduate students interested in cardiovascular research. U of M's fellowship website, <http://sitemaker.umich.edu/cvcsummerfellowship/>, has more information on the fellowship program and the application process. The online fellowship application deadline is January 31, 2011. Letters of recommendation for which requests are sent electronically when the application is completed, will be accepted until February 11.
- **Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP)** is a **FREE** (full tuition, housing, and meals) six-week summer academic enrichment program that offers freshman and sophomore college students intensive and personalized medical and dental school preparation. For more information, please visit <http://www.smdep.org/>.
- **SUCCESS** is a program at The Ohio State University that aims to get diverse students into the biomedical research pipeline. More information can be found at <http://go.osu.edu/success>.

SUCCESS is a 9-week long residential program. Students get housing and a \$4000 stipend. OSU will also cover the cost of up to 2 parents to attend the end-of-summer celebration and research presentation by the students. The application for the program is already up on the website, and apps are due by March 1. The program includes laboratory research, professional development, a clinical skills lab, a professional journal club, interaction with PhD and MSTP students, faculty interaction, and social events.

- Attention: students with a passion for researching cellular, molecular and genetic biology in a way that makes a difference for human health! The **Van Andel Institute (VAI)** Graduate School provides an innovative Ph.D. program for students with the capacity and motivation for careers in biomedical research. Located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the VAI conducts biomedical research with an emphasis on translating scientific results into clinical applications. The Van Andel Institute Graduate School trains Ph.D. scientists to be leading scholars in cellular, molecular and genetic studies relevant to human diseases. Its innovative problem-based curriculum leads students to explore fundamental concepts in genetics, biochemistry, cell and molecular biology through highly integrated courses based on current research questions. Thesis research is conducted in state-of-the-art laboratories within a beautiful, award-winning building. Other components of the program help develop the professional skills needed in future research leaders. For the entering class of Fall 2012, the VAI seeks effective, independent learners who work capably in a collegial team environment. A solid foundation in cell biology, molecular biology and genetics will be important, but more essential is an understanding of and passion for the life of a scientist, and the exploration of cutting-edge scientific questions. Those with a bold and pioneering spirit will make the most of this opportunity. More information and on-line application are available at their website, www.vai.org/Education/GraduateSchool.aspx, or by contacting the graduate school office at registrar@vai.org or 616-234-5708.
- The **American Medical Student Association at Georgia Tech** cordially invites you to the **6th Annual Pre-Health Conference** on Saturday, February 18, 2012 in the College of Management building from 9:00am to 4:00pm. The conference will consist of informative workshops, admissions panels, mock interviews, a keynote speaker, and a health school fair. Although the conference is planned by AMSA, it is done in collaboration with the Pre-Pharmacy Student Association, Pre-Dental Society and Pre-Veterinary Medical Association. Over 250 students, faculty, and representatives from over 70 various health schools around the nation are expected to be in attendance at this conference. To learn more about previous conferences, please visit www.amsa.gatech.edu. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Kimble at jennifer.kimble@carnegie.gatech.edu or at 404-385-2475.
- **The University of Michigan's Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP)**, (which is an MD/Ph.D. program) is sponsoring The "Pre-MSTP" summer program, which is designed to provide an opportunity for highly motivated and talented undergraduates interested in careers as physician scientists to enhance their science and academic skills. The program is targeted towards students who are from geographically, culturally or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds, students who have experienced financial hardship, and students with disabilities. Applicants should have completed at least their freshman undergraduate year. The main focus of the program is laboratory biomedical research, but

the program also includes physician shadowing, an MCAT prep course, and an opportunity to attend bi-weekly seminars and a 2 day MSTP retreat on Lake Erie in August. Should you have any questions about the program, please contact the MSTP Office at mstp@umich.edu. The deadline for application submission is **February 1, 2012**

- The **University of Pennsylvania's [Post Baccalaureate Pre-Health program](#)** is designed to broaden and enrich academic preparation for health professional school curricula, foster academic excellence, promote success on the admission tests, and enhance acceptance into professional school. Students will have the benefit of studying at an Ivy League university where world-class science faculty will help them develop the key academic strengths, research skills, and healthcare experiences necessary for admission to the nation's most prestigious medical, dental, and veterinary schools. Penn's Pre-Health program offers two unique pathways to success. [Pre-Health Core Studies](#) supports career-changers who need to take basic science courses. [Pre-Health Specialized Studies](#) is geared to students who need to complete or enhance their existing science credentials. Students benefit from individualized advising and the flexibility to create a full- or part-time schedule. Evening classes devoted to Post-Bac Pre-Health students allow them to work, volunteer, or do research during the day to enhance their application and diversify their interests and knowledge. Students accepted into this highly selective program join a strong community of determined individuals in a challenging yet supportive Ivy League learning environment. Visit the program web site here: <http://www.sas.upenn.edu/lps/postbac/pre-health> or call a recruitment specialist at 215-746-6902 to find out more.
- **University of Michigan's MPREP:** This is a National Institutes of Health (NIH) - funded Post-baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP). Its objective is to provide individuals from underrepresented groups experience in research and sometimes additional academic enhancements in order to strengthen their candidacy for admission to PhD programs. MPREP benefits include:
 - One-year academic and research program starting July 1 each year
 - Financial package, including tuition, salary (\$21,000) and benefits
 - Over 150 potential faculty advisors from 6 schools and colleges
 - Possibility to enhance the program with UM coursework as advised
 - Preparation course for the GRE
 - Funding to travel to and participate in a professional conference
 - Participation in seminars, journal clubs and social activities
 - Peer support and advising by graduate student organizations
 - Workshops to enhance preparation for graduate school applications
 - Invitation to career development events
 - Regular meetings with PREP Directors to present research and discuss career developmentVisit www.med.umich.edu/prep for more information.
- **Summer 2012 Undergraduate Research Opportunities** are available at the **Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine** in Cleveland, Ohio. The web site includes numerous research opportunities at the [School of Medicine](#), [University Hospitals Case Medical Center](#), [Cleveland Clinic](#), [Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital](#), and [MetroHealth Medical Center](#). Additionally, the site includes information about the Summer Medical Dental Education Program ([SMDEP](#)) and the Heart, Lung, and Blood ([HLB](#)) Summer Research Program for

minority and disadvantaged students.

Undergraduate Summer Research

Link: http://casemed.case.edu/admissions/research/summer_programs.cfm

Information about Case Western and their Three MD

Tracks: <http://casemed.case.edu/admissions/>

- **AACOM offers scholarships for underrepresented minority students.** Interested 2012 AACOMAS applicants and continuing students are encouraged to make applications. 2012 Sherry R. Arnstein Minority Student Scholarship: This award, named after former AACOM Executive Director Sherry R. Arnstein, recognizes two osteopathic underrepresented minority students at AACOM's member colleges of osteopathic medicine (one newly accepted student and one continuing student). **Eligibility:** To be eligible, an applicant must be an underrepresented minority (*African-American; Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian; mainland Puerto Rican, or Hispanic*) student in good academic standing and currently enrolled in his or her first, second, or third year at an AACOM member college of osteopathic medicine OR an underrepresented minority student who has been accepted and is planning to matriculate at one of the AACOM member colleges. Previous Arnstein Scholarship awardees are ineligible. **Deadline:** Entries must be post-marked by **March 31, 2012**. All entries must include the required Cover Page, with all appropriate signatures, in addition to the required essay. Incomplete entries will not be considered. Awardees will be notified by July 21, 2012. **For details, please visit:** <http://www.aacom.org/InfoFor/students/finaid/Pages/ArnsteinScholarship.aspx>

3. Visitation Opportunity

- An exciting opportunity is available for pre-medical students to visit the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Grand Rapids medical school campus and to learn more about the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine! This year the Spring Pre-Medical event will be held on Friday, February 24th at the **Secchia Center in Grand Rapids, MI** from 12:30pm-4pm. The event is free, and individuals may register at the following link: http://mdadmissions.msu.edu/events/events_premed.php Registration is limited to 130 participants.

4. Focus on: Chiropractors

Each edition of the e-bulletin will be focusing on a specific professional career. This month, we are focusing on Chiropractors. Chiropractic care is a specialty area that focuses on the body's innate ability to heal itself without interventions of drugs or surgery. Chiropractors are known for the manual manipulation they often perform on the spine and other areas of the body. They practice these manipulations in an effort to help the patient's body regain its natural balance in order to heal. Most chiropractic programs require at least 3 years of undergraduate study, and many prefer that students have a Bachelor's degree. Chiropractic programs are typically 3-4 years in length.

Visit <http://www.explorehealthcareers.org> to learn more about being a chiropractor, or to investigate other careers within the health field that might interest you.

**Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition.
[Abraham Lincoln]**