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Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

Week of January 24, 2011

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1. Grand Valley Announcements and Events

Interview Skills Workshop

When: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 from 3:00-5:00 pm

Where: Grand River Room, Kirkhof

Please check the [CLAS Academic Advising Center](#) website for more information

Winter Careerfest and Health Career Day

When: February 22, 2011 from 2:00-6:00pm

Where: DeVos Place Convention Center, Grand Rapids

Click the following link for more information concerning this GVSU Career Fair: <http://www.gvsu.edu/careerfairs/>

2. Programs and Open Houses

Laboratory Summer Program in New York City for Pre-MD/PhD Students

*Ideal for students who wish to pursue the combined MD-PhD degree (this program is run by the Weill Cornell/Rockefeller/Sloan-Kettering Tri-Institutional MD-PhD Program).

*10 weeks of independent research at either Weill Cornell Medical College, Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center or The Rockefeller University (all in NYC)

*Present & participate in weekly journal clubs

*Scrub into surgeries at New York Presbyterian Hospital

*Give an oral, written and poster presentation of your research in front of your family (who are flown in for the event), friends and colleagues

*Receive ongoing mentorship by your "Big Sib" (a current MD-PhD student), as well as attend weekly meetings with the Program's leadership

*Receive a stipend of \$4,300 (minus the cost of housing).

*Gateways alumni are accepted and matriculate in the top MD-PhD Programs in the country!

Who is eligible?

Freshman and sophomores (at time of application) only

Underrepresented minority and/or disadvantaged backgrounds

US Citizens/Permanent Residents

Students who wish to pursue the combined MD-PhD degrees after college

For further information and an on-line application, please visit their website

<http://weill.cornell.edu/mdphd/summerprogram/> Please note, our application deadline is **February 1, 2011**.

Des Moines University Health Professions Advanced Summer Scholars (P.A.S.S.) Program

Deadline for applications is **February 1, 2011**

A few highlights are listed:

The DMU Health Professions Advanced Summer Scholars (Health P.A.S.S.) program is free to attend; students will be provided with travel reimbursement, housing, and meals.

The Health P.A.S.S. program is specifically geared toward students who are underrepresented in medicine and healthcare – this includes individuals who are racially/ethnically underrepresented, first generation college students, and/or students who come from low-income backgrounds.

Ideally, students will apply to attend the HealthPASS program taking place in the summer between their freshman and sophomore or junior and senior years.

Participants will have the opportunity to experience "a day in the life" of students in four areas of health professions: Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.), Podiatric Medicine and Surgery (D.P.M.), Physical Therapy (D.P.T.), and Physician Assistant (P.A.).

The DMU Health P.A.S.S. program will run from July 10-30, 2010. Learn more about the key features of the DMU Health P.A.S.S. Program online at www.dmu.edu/ If you have questions contact Margie Gehringer at 515-271-7498 or margie.gehringer@dmu.edu.

Ross University School of Medicine and School of Veterinary Medicine Open House

Detroit Information Seminar

When: Saturday, February 5, 2011

Vet Seminar begins at 10am
Med Seminar begins at 2pm
Where: The Westin Book Cadillac Detroit
1114 Washington Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48226
Register at RossU.edu

MD/PhD Summer Programs

Here are several summer programs which might be of interest to pre-MD/PhD students. While nearly every graduate school has a summer program

https://www.aamc.org/members/great/61052/great_summerlinks.html (and some of these schools have slots reserved for pre-MD/PhD students), there are ten MD-PhD Programs which run their own summer programs <https://www.aamc.org/members/great/169782/mdphdsummerprograms.html> .

For a listing of these summer programs, and other useful MD-PhD related information, please refer to: www.aamc.org/mdphd

The University of Vermont Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Program

The University of Vermont (UVM) Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program is pleased to announce new linkage programs for students: The UVM College of Medicine will guarantee an interview for students who meet their guidelines. In addition, they have recently added a guaranteed interview linkage agreement with the Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences Vermont campus. Please use this link to the pdf brochure for an introduction to the program. Click to Download Brochure (http://learn.uvm.edu/images/pdfs/UVM_brochPBPM2010_3fold.pdf) . Explore their website where you will find in depth information such as student profiles and archived e-newsletters: www.learn.uvm.edu/premed

University of Michigan School of Dentistry and School of Medicine Pipeline and Profile for Success Programs

The Pipeline Program is a six-week residential program held from mid May through the end of June for college freshmen and sophomores. The purpose of the program is to improve the science skills of participants in chemistry, physics, and biology and to further develop their academic study skills. Through speakers and hands-on activities, participants gain exposure to various career opportunities within the dental and medical fields. The program is provided at no cost to the participants. [Click here for the Brochure](#)

Program Dates: May 16-June 24, 2011

Application Deadline (postmark): February 16, 2011

Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Profile for Success The Profile for Success (PFS) Program is a seven week residential program held from mid May through the beginning of July for college juniors, seniors, and recent college graduates. The purpose of this program is to prepare students from disadvantaged and underrepresented backgrounds to be successful applicants for dental and medical school. The program is free to all participants. [Click here for the Brochure](#)

Program dates: May 16 - July 1, 2011

Application deadline (postmark): February 16, 2011

Visit the [website](#) for more information.

The University of Queensland School of Medicine Ochsner Clinical School Open House

<http://us2.campaign-archive.com/?u=eb015a8a2efb1a89775662800&id=311baafdeb&e=f715dd1302>

New Orleans, Louisiana February 26th, 2011 8am - 3pm

*Welcome and Program Overview

*Curriculum Highlights and Cross Cultural Experiences

*Tour The University of Queensland Ochsner Medical School Campus

*Q & A Session

*Admissions Information Session

*RSVP by **February 11th, 2011** to cmehlich@mededpath.org

Please call Whitney Bennett at 877.777.0155, extension 106 with any questions. For on-site accommodations, call the Brent House Hotel at 800.535.3986 or visit www.brenthouse.com

*Contact them with other questions @ 877-777-0155 or info@mededpath.org. Visit the website at: www.mededpath.org

UPONIC, Universidad Popular de Nicaragua

UPONIC, a private national university in Nicaragua, offers a program custom designed for students interested in the health professions. UPONIC has its own school of naturopathic medicine and has combined that with opportunities for clinical time. It will be an academic experience at the base of the economic pyramid to help make your application to pre med and allied health programs different and special. Students will receive clinical experience, cultural emersion experience through staying with host families, travel time, and many other experiences. The program runs May 28, 2011 through June 25, 2011.

To apply: Go to <http://www.naturorthopatic.uponic.com.ni/index.php/en/home> and look for the sign-up button.

UPONIC has rolling admissions, so as soon as your application is complete, you will be given one of three decisions: Acceptance for 2011, Need more information, Rejected for 2011 – usually because the program cannot deliver your expectations. The UPONIC teams recognizes that some schools will give aid for international programs and will do all they can to speed the process. If you have questions, contact Claudia Lara Meza at claudilarameza@gmail.com, John Farris at farris@gvsu.edu or Paul Lane at lanepa@gvsu.edu

The Consortium for Optometry Summer Enrichment Program

The Consortium for Optometry Summer Enrichment Programs is pleased to share the upcoming dates for their individual programs. Prospective students may apply to and attend multiple summer programs; they do not restrict or cap an individual's participation between or among any of the four programs described below:

Illinois College of Optometry Focus on Your Future

July 11-15, 2011

The Illinois College of Optometry is pleased to announce their annual summer program for underrepresented minority undergraduate students. The program is a week-long experience that will expose undergraduate students to the profession of optometry in a variety of settings. Participants will have the opportunity to meet and work with current optometry students, ICO Faculty & Staff, as well as practicing optometrists. Students will be housed at no charge in their Residential Complex. There is no cost to participate in this program. Participants are responsible for their travel expenses and/or transportation cost to and from ICO. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.ico.edu/admissions/summerprogram/> Program Contact: Teisha Johnson, 312.949.7407, tjohnson@ico.edu

The Ohio State University I-DOC

August 1-3, 2011

The Improving Diversity in Optometric Careers program is an intensive three-day program for people from an underrepresented ethnicity interested in finding out more about an optometric career. The program provides information about optometry through hands-on experiences, and it aims to increase the number of underrepresented ethnic minority optometrists. Thanks to underwriting by the Vision Service Plan (VSP), there is no cost to attend the program and it includes all meals and activities. There are also several scholarships for airfare and accommodations for out-of-state college applicants. For more information about the program and information regarding the application process, please visit the I-DOC webpage: <http://optometry.osu.edu/IDOC>

Program Contact: Justin Griest, 614.292.8825, griest.6@osu.edu

Pacific University InSight

July 6-8, 2011

Pacific University College of Optometry is pleased to invite applicants for InSight 2011. Pacific University's InSight 2011 is a program that introduces underrepresented minority students to the profession of optometry through a 3-day, in-residence experience on Pacific University's Forest Grove campus. The three days are filled with hands-on workshops, information sessions, case conferences and social events that educate students on the profession of optometry, and prepare students to competitively finish up the pre-health undergraduate curriculum. Program materials, food, and accommodations will be provided by Pacific University. For more information, or to complete an application, please visit: <http://www.pacificu.edu/optometry/insight>

Program Contact: Janelle Holmboe, 503.352.3145, holm1408@pacificu.edu

University of California, Berkeley Opto-Camp

Session I, June 20-21

Session II, July 18-20

The goal of Berkeley Optometry's Opto-Camp is to introduce underrepresented and first generation pre-health science majors to Optometry as a potential future career track and to prepare them to be successful applicants to optometry school. The objective of Berkeley Optometry's Opto-Camp is to present a three-day in residence experience that will provide participants with opportunities to learn about the profession of optometry and the process of becoming an optometrist. Program specifics and the application, available on February 15, 2011, are linked here: http://optometry.berkeley.edu/opt_txtpp/admissions/admitoptocamp.html

Cost: \$125 program fee; limited number of scholarships to waive program fee per session, as demonstrated by financial need. Program Contact: Heather Iwata, 510.642.9537, hiwata@berkeley.edu

Human Anatomy for Undergraduates at John Hopkins University School of Medicine

The eleventh annual summer course in Human Anatomy for Undergraduates will be offered by the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine this year. The course will run for four weeks in June, 2011, on the Medical School campus in Baltimore, and will include both lectures and demonstrations using human cadavers. Applications will be accepted from all currently enrolled undergraduates who have completed their sophomore year of college. Total tuition for the course will be \$3800. All course materials, including the textbook and an atlas, are included in the tuition. Four (4) academic credits will be awarded upon successful completion of the course. Accommodations are available on the main undergraduate campus of Johns Hopkins University. A completed application form, a non-refundable application fee of \$50, and supporting materials (college transcript, letter of recommendation from an academic advisor) are due by **March 15, 2011**. Successful applicants will be notified by April 1, with full tuition due by May 1. More course details, including a downloadable application form, can be found on the Internet at: www.hopkinsmedicine.org/FAE/anatomyinstitute. For further information, please contact Ms. Arlene Daniel at adaniel@jhmi.edu.

University of Michigan Pre-Medical Scientist Training Program

The University of Michigan Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) is accepting applications for its Pre-MSTP Program. The program will provide an opportunity for highly motivated and talented undergraduates to participate in a ten week summer research-focused program in the University of Michigan Medical School.

The MSTP is an NIH-funded combined M.D./Ph.D. training program; it takes students approximately 8 years to earn the two degrees. MSTP graduates typically establish careers in academic medicine focused on basic research relevant to human diseases. Clinical medicine generally is a small component of the M.D./Ph.D. career and serves primarily to inform and enhance the research.

For undergraduates potentially interested in the above career path, the Pre-MSTP summer program provides biomedical research experience and exposure to clinical medicine. This may help you decide if this is the right career for you, and could enhance your competitiveness when applying to M.D./Ph.D. programs.

A stipend of \$4200 and university housing will be provided. The program will cover transportation costs to and from Ann Arbor up to \$200. Students are responsible for providing their own meals.

Participants can expect to:

- Perform full-time research in a faculty laboratory
- Attend bi-weekly luncheon presentations where faculty discuss their research
- Give short presentations of their summer accomplishments at the conclusion of the program
- Obtain clinical exposure opportunities in the form of physician shadowing
- Attend the three-day MSTP annual retreat at Higgins Lake
- Attend formal MCAT instruction over an 8 week period by the Stanley Kaplan Review Center

To be Eligible Applicants must:

Come from an educational, cultural or geographic background that is underrepresented in the sciences **OR** have experienced financial hardship as a result of family economic circumstances **OR** have a physical or mental disability that substantially limits one or more major life activities

Be a current undergraduate (excluding those applying to Med/Grad School for 2011)

Be a US citizen or permanent resident

Have completed a science course with laboratory

Be able to show proof of their own health insurance coverage
The deadline for application submission is **February 12, 2011**. Please contact mstp@umich.edu or visit <http://www.med.umich.edu/medschool/mstp/> with any questions.

Summer Medical and Dental Education Program at the University of Louisville

The Summer Medical & Dental Education Program (SMDEP) is a six-week intensive summer residential academic enrichment program, focused on integrated problem solving in the basic sciences, centered on medical and dental applications. Applications will be available at www.smdep.org. They will be accepting applications from college freshman and sophomore pre-medical and pre-dental students. Deadline for all application materials is **March 1, 2011**. Please apply early. The program includes: Science Enrichment, Free Housing and Meals plus stipend, clinical exposure and clinical correlations, team based learning modules, exciting written/oral presentation component, financial planning workshop, individualized career planning, health disparities symposium, chance to meet and interact with current medical and dental school students, SMDEP Alumni, faculty and staff from the School of Medicine and School of Dentistry. Please email specprog@gwise.louisville.edu or call 502-852-7159 with any questions.

3. Research Opportunities

University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center Research Fellowship Program

The University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center is pleased to announce that their U of M CVC Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program for 2011 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.

The 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.

The University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center <http://www.med.umich.edu/cvc/> moved into its new state of the art clinical building in the summer of 2007 with a long term vision to become the best academic heart and vascular center in the world. This fellowship program is a part of its overall mission of creating an understanding of cardiovascular disease across the life span through multi-disciplinary collaboration among clinicians and scientists, to achieve: Superior, compassionate patient care, innovative science and discovery, and excellence in education. This fellowship program is supported by the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center and a generous gift from the Esperance Family Foundation supporting vascular biology research.

University of Pittsburgh Intramural Research Award Program

Funded by the PA Dept of Health, UPIRTA's goal is to increase the numbers of underrepresented scientists working in the areas of Infectious Diseases and Autism research. They have 2 grant-funded research spots available in Infectious Diseases (looking at MRSA, C. difficile, A. baumannii, staph aureus and modeling for H1N1), and up to 3 positions available in Autism research. Both programs will fund GRE test preparation. The positions will run from August of 2011 to May of 2012. The application receipt deadline is **May 16, 2011**, though early application is suggested.

Information is at <http://www.healthdiversity.pitt.edu/programs/upirta.php>. Interested students contact Paula Davis at 412-648-2066 or pkd100@pitt.edu. Visit their website at www.healthdiversity.pitt.edu

Washington University St. Louis's Division of Biology & Biomedical Sciences and the Medical Scientist Training Program

There are THREE summer research programs: Biomedical Research Apprenticeship Program (BioMedRAP); Cell & Developmental Biology Research Apprenticeship Program (CD-BioRAP); and the AMGEN Scholars Program.

All three programs are a joint effort of the WUSTL's Division of Biology & Biomedical Sciences and the Medical Scientist Training Program. They have the following elements in common:

* 10 weeks of independent research in a lab located at WUSTL, WUSTL School of Medicine, or the Missouri Botanical Garden

- * Weekly journal clubs and scientific seminars
- * Workshops on career development, ethics, presentation skills and scientific writing
- * Mock Interviews and individualized career advising
- * Presentation of work at a summer-ending research symposium
- * Community service project
- * \$4,000 stipend for the summer. They provide housing at no cost
- * Travel covered to and from St. Louis
- * Travel funds to present work at scientific meeting
- * A genuine MCAT or GRE prep course. This is not a workshop, but a full-blown course taught on weekends by a professional test prep company. Students keep the materials and have access to the test bank for a year. This is provided at no cost to the student.

They have 3 different funding sources, and these benefactors have different ideas about what a summer research program should look like. The most important differences are: AMGEN Scholars and CD-BioRAP are limited to US citizens & permanent residents, while BioMedRAP is open to all; CD-BioRAP and AMGEN do not require prior research experience, while BioMedRAP expects that individuals will have had two semesters or summers of research. Please note that all programs are aimed at individuals who are seriously committed to careers in research and plan to earn a PhD or MD-PhD. Individuals interested solely in medical careers should not apply. Participants in these programs have gone on to the best PhD and MSTP programs in the country, including Stanford, UCSF, WUSTL, Chicago, Hopkins, Penn, Cornell, Yale, Harvard, etc.

Applications are available online now and completed applications will be accepted until **January 31, 2011** for CD-BioRAP and BioMedRAP and **February 1, 2011** for Amgen Scholars Program. For more information please go to their website at <http://biomedrap.wustl.edu>, or contact Rochelle Smith at 314-362-7963 or rsmith@wustl.edu.

Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine Summer 2011 Undergraduate Research Opportunities

As one of the top research universities in the United States, Case Western Reserve University highly values student research which provides opportunities for active learning, practical experience and training. At this website: http://casemed.case.edu/admissions/research/summer_programs.cfm there is a list of research opportunities for undergraduate and medical students offered by the University, School of Medicine or in the Cleveland area. Deadlines for these programs begin **February 1, 2011**.

*Information about Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine:
<http://casemed.case.edu/admissions/>

Western Kentucky University's National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)

Western Kentucky University seeks talented science students to participate in its summer National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program in investigative biotechnology. The preference is for rising juniors and seniors (younger students with research experience will be considered), who have completed core courses in the science curriculum at their home institutions and have demonstrated a curiosity and passion for science. They especially encourage applications from students who are members of groups underrepresented in graduate education in the biological sciences.

Thirteen faculty members in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Computer Science will serve as mentors to accepted students. Academically, students will be trained in research techniques, participate in exciting research (students can choose from over nineteen projects), and gain valuable presentation skills. Additionally, students will benefit from a series of workshops exploring ethics and preparing students to apply for and succeed in graduate school. Practically, students will receive a stipend of \$480 per week, free housing, meal and travel allowances, and lab supplies.

Students can find more information and application instructions at <http://www.wku.edu/biotechreu>. Applications must be postmarked by **February 4, 2011**. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact Dr. Shivendra Sahi (shivendra.sahi@wku.edu), Dr. Rodney King (rodney.king@wku.edu), or Dr. Audra Jennings (audra.jennings@wku.edu).

The Van Andel Research Institute

Are you an undergraduate or masters-degree student with a passion for cellular, molecular and genetic biology in order to make a difference for human health? The Van Andel Institute Graduate School (VAIGS) provides an innovative Ph.D. program for students with the capacity and motivation for careers in biomedical research. The Van Andel Research Institute, located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, conducts biomedical research with an emphasis on translating scientific results into clinical applications. VAIGS trains Ph.D. scientists to be leading scholars in cellular, molecular and genetic studies relevant to human diseases. Their innovative problem-based curriculum leads students to explore fundamental concepts in genetics, biochemistry, cell and molecular biology, and bioinformatics through highly integrated courses based on current research questions. Graduate students conduct their dissertation research 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 2011, they seek 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 they believe the understanding of and passion for the life of a scientist is most critical for applicants. Those with a bold and pioneering spirit will make the most of this opportunity. To ensure full consideration for fall admission, applications should be received by January 5 of the year in which the student will matriculate. However, **we will accept applications on a rolling basis until July 1 or until the class is filled.** Please follow the steps below to apply. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Graduate School office at gradschool@vai.org or call 616-234-5708.

For more information and an on-line application see their website at www.vai.org/Education/GraduateSchool.aspx. You may also contact the graduate school office at gradschool@vai.org or 616-234-5708.

Summer Undergraduate Research Program at the University of Pittsburg School of Medicine

Summer undergraduate research program provides stimulating and rewarding research opportunities for undergraduates considering graduate education in biomedical research. Students admitted to the program conduct an independent research project under the guidance of a faculty member in one of seven programs. Funding includes a \$3,500 stipend for the 10-week program, plus \$500 for transportation and FREE campus housing. You may apply if you are a rising sophomore or rising junior enrolled in a regionally accredited college or university in the US. International students are eligible to apply if currently in F1 or J1 visa status. Individuals from groups underrepresented in the sciences are encouraged to apply. The **early** deadline for completing your application is **February 1**. The **final** deadline is March 1. Strong applicants are encouraged to apply early as there will be a rolling admission process that begins Feb. 1st. Applications received after March 1st will not receive fellowship consideration. The program will run Monday, May 23 through Friday, July 29, 2011. Please visit www.gradbiomed.pitt.edu for more information.

Interdisciplinary Research Experiences for Undergraduates in the Structure and Function of Proteins at the University of Michigan

Student participants will be engaged in an intensive 10 week period of hands-on experimental training and independent investigation in the areas of biochemistry, biophysics, cheminformatics, computational chemistry, enzymology, marine biology, molecular biology and plant biology. The research projects featured in this program all involve studies of the structure and function of proteins. In addition to the research experience, students will participate in a series of weekly enrichment seminars focusing on scientific communication, graduate school admissions and scientific career options. Rising juniors and seniors majoring in biochemistry, biology, biophysics, chemistry, computer science, engineering (chemical/biomedical), mathematics or a related discipline will be eligible for participation in the program. Applications are available online at: <http://pharmacy.umich.edu/reu>. Application deadline is **February 15, 2011**. The program dates are June 6-August 12, 2011. Participants will receive at \$4500 stipend, on campus housing, a \$1000 meal allowance and a \$300 travel allowance. You must be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident to apply. For further information, please contact Dr. Cherie R. Dotson (crdotson@umich.edu /734-615-6562) or Dr. Ronald W. Woodard at rww@umich.edu /734-647-8429.

4. Scholarship Opportunities

James "Rhio" O'Connor Memorial Scholarship

The James "Rhio" O'Connor Memorial Scholarship Fund is offering its scholarship again this year. It is an essay contest open to all college students. The essay subject concerns cancer and the scholarships are \$5,000 for first place, \$2,000 for second place, and \$1,000 for third place. Students can receive more information and request an application packet at this website: <http://www.cancermonthly.com/scholarship.asp>

5. Global Health and Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering at Saint Mary's Health Care in Grand Rapids

If you are interested in volunteering at Saint Mary's in Grand Rapids, please fill out the application at the following link:

<http://gvsu.edu/cms3/assets/18FB597A-9B8F-F6AC-C940CACB896B0C17/stmarysvolunteer.pdf>

You will need to complete the application, the background request form, two reference forms, and review the list of volunteer opportunities (which is included in the application). If you have any questions, contact Rachel Selgo at selgor@trinity-health.org or call at 616-685-1898.

The Global Health Corps

<http://ghcorps.org/>

Global Health Corps (GHC) aims to mobilize a global community of young leaders to build a movement for health equity. GHC believes that a global movement of individuals and organizations fighting for improved health outcomes and access to healthcare for the poor is necessary in order to change the unacceptable status quo of extreme inequity. GHC works to build this movement by recruiting, training, and supporting the movement's future leaders and by diversifying the pool of young people working in global health.

GHC provides opportunities for young professionals from diverse backgrounds to work on the frontlines of the fight for global health equity in year-long fellowships. Their fellows will have a measurable impact on the health of the communities in which they work, and draw upon that experience and the GHC alumni network, to deepen their impact throughout their careers.

GHC will create a pipeline of young leaders for the global health equity movement, and at scale will play a central role in sustaining and consistently reinvigorating this movement for change. This infusion of young, passionate, skilled leaders will help to tip the balance towards a more equitable and just global distribution of health services.

International Service Learning

International Service Learning (ISL) announces a jointly sponsored four week program for pre-health and health students combining hospital rotation and field clinics. ISL has partnered with Masaya General Hospital for four years. See Masaya Hospital Project <http://www.islonline.org/global-gifts-and-grant-program/> for more information. Pre-health students' experiential involvement is approved and supervised by Nicaragua health officials and hospital personnel and will focus on public health and community triage. ISL is the only Non-Governmental Organization officially recognized by the government assembly of Nicaragua for pre-health experiential learning.

International Service Learning Health Teams <http://www.islonline.org/programs/health/> provide valuable hands-on patient care experience for students. They are making a difference in the lives of those in need of essential health services and are now accepting applications for Spring Break teams!

Serve – Travel – Learn: Mexico, Belize, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, The Dominican Republic, Tanzania
Well Child International <http://www.islonline.org/well-child-international/>
Hike for Humanity <http://www.islonline.org/programs/hike-for-humanity/>

For more information on general health, dental, optometry, veterinary, physical therapy, and public health trips, contact Pepper at Info@ISLonline.org or visit the website: www.ISLonline.org

Well Child International is the newest program, dedicated to providing OB/GYN and pediatric care to women and children in underserved communities. Receive a discount on your trip by recruiting others to join you in this life-changing experience. Contact Diannah@ISLonline.org for more information. Additional financial aid is available

through the GSM Financial Sponsorship Program

http://app.streamsend.com/c/?redirect_to=http%3A%2F%2Faboutgsm.org%2Fsponsorship_program.html

6. MCAT Practice Testing Dates

Here is the 2011 Practice Test Schedule for West Michigan. If a practice test that is scheduled at your school doesn't work for you can register for a practice test at another school. These events are completely free, and can be used as a tool to help students.

Because this is a free event there are limited amount of seats available at every test. Please register in advance at www.kaptest.com to save a seat. Depending on what test you are taking you will probably need to bring a number 2 pencil, calculator, and a snack.

Listed below are the Practice Test dates and locations

Kalamazoo College- MCAT ONLY!

January 29th- Dewing Hall

Aquinas College- MCAT, LSAT, DAT, OAT, GRE, PCAT, and NCLEX

February 12th- Academic Building

Western Michigan University- MCAT, LSAT and GRE

February 19th- Chemistry Building

Grand Valley State University- MCAT, LSAT, GRE, OAT and DAT

February 26th- AuSable Hall

January Promotion: \$200 rebate on select classes (On Site/Anywhere)

On the Spot Promotion: Sign up during an event and save \$50 to \$100 on a Kaplan Course!

"The odds of hitting your target go up dramatically when you aim at it."

-Mal Pancoast