

CLAS Academic Advising Center

Academic advising for students pursuing majors and/or minors offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Call Us: (616) 331-8585 • Visit us On-line: www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising

Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

December 2012

To view the CLAS Academic Advising Center Pre-Professional Webpage visit www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising

1. Program & Scholarship Announcements
2. Test Prep Course Winter 2013
3. Summer Enrichment Programs
4. Gap Year Opportunity
5. Parallel Plan
6. Unsubscribe

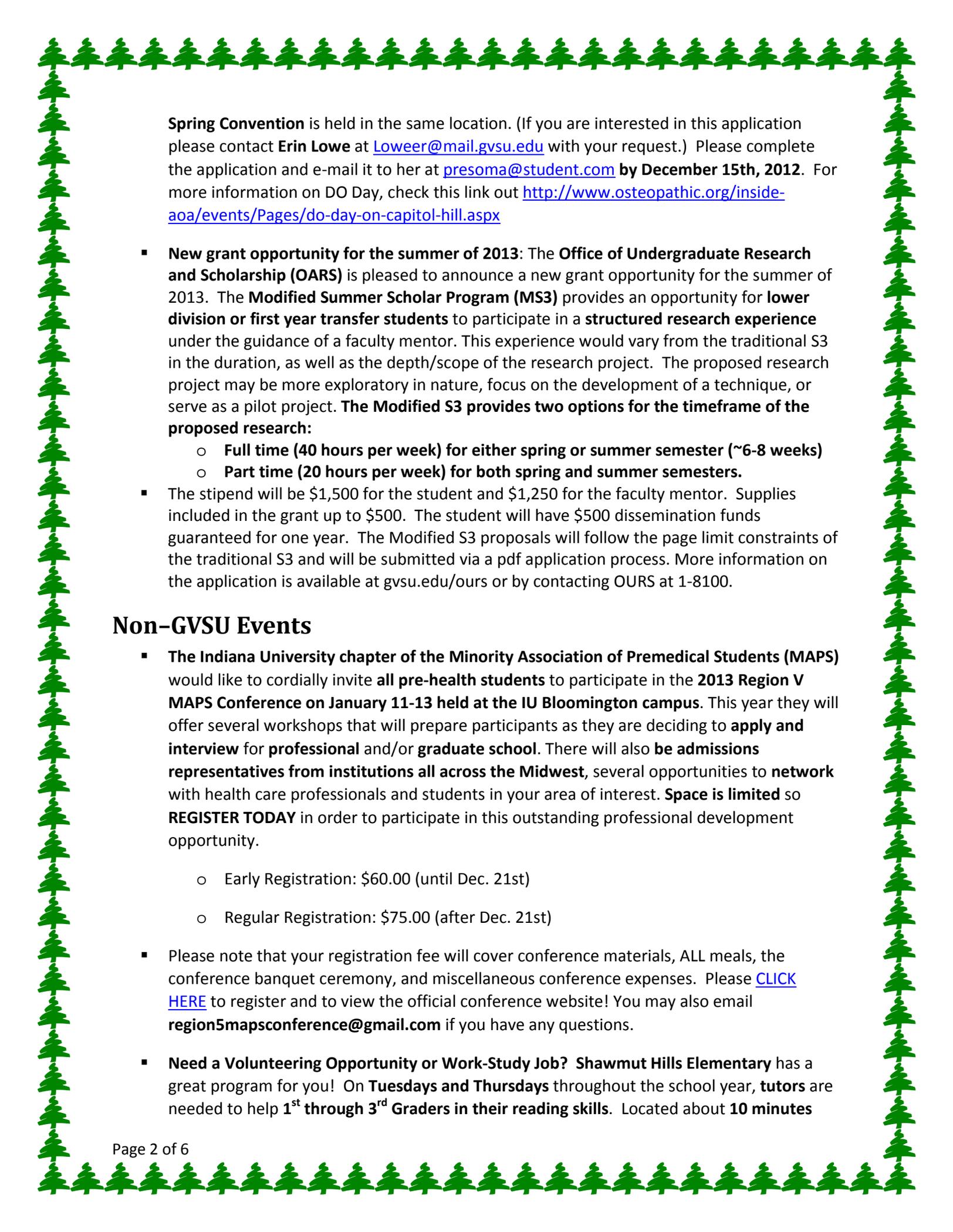


The purpose of this newsletter is to share information that may be of interest to you. By posting information, it does not mean that we endorse the organizations or services enclosed.

Program & Scholarship Announcements

GVSU Events

- Are you **interested** and **QUALIFIED** to apply for a **2012-13 scholarship for pre-med students while attending GVSU**? Please click this [link](#) to read about the criteria for **the Pawl Scholarship** and to access the application. **APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 14TH** and the funds will be awarded for **THIS** academic year. Applications may be sent as Word attachments to **Jo Ann Litton (littonj@gvsu.edu)** or dropped off at the **CLAS Academic Advising Office in MAK C-1-140**.
- **DO Day** (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) is the **one day each year** when **osteopathic medical students** from across the country all journey to **Washington D.C. to advocate for their profession to members of congress and the senate**. Pre-Med students are also welcome to attend. **The DO Day on the Hill Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship** which is awarded to **two Pre-SOMA** (Students of Osteopathic Medicine Association) members to help them fund the costs of traveling to **Washington D.C. for DO Day** which is taking place on **March 14, 2013**. **Hotel arrangements are also included, separate from the money award**. The hotel arrangements also last through the weekend, which is when the **SOMA**



Spring Convention is held in the same location. (If you are interested in this application please contact **Erin Lowe** at Loweer@mail.gvsu.edu with your request.) Please complete the application and e-mail it to her at presoma@student.com by **December 15th, 2012**. For more information on DO Day, check this link out <http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/events/Pages/do-day-on-capitol-hill.aspx>

- **New grant opportunity for the summer of 2013:** The **Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (OARS)** is pleased to announce a new grant opportunity for the summer of 2013. The **Modified Summer Scholar Program (MS3)** provides an opportunity for **lower division or first year transfer students** to participate in a **structured research experience** under the guidance of a faculty mentor. This experience would vary from the traditional S3 in the duration, as well as the depth/scope of the research project. The proposed research project may be more exploratory in nature, focus on the development of a technique, or serve as a pilot project. **The Modified S3 provides two options for the timeframe of the proposed research:**
 - **Full time (40 hours per week) for either spring or summer semester (~6-8 weeks)**
 - **Part time (20 hours per week) for both spring and summer semesters.**
- The stipend will be \$1,500 for the student and \$1,250 for the faculty mentor. Supplies included in the grant up to \$500. The student will have \$500 dissemination funds guaranteed for one year. The Modified S3 proposals will follow the page limit constraints of the traditional S3 and will be submitted via a pdf application process. More information on the application is available at gvsu.edu/ours or by contacting OURS at 1-8100.

Non-GVSU Events

- **The Indiana University chapter of the Minority Association of Premedical Students (MAPS)** would like to cordially invite **all pre-health students** to participate in the **2013 Region V MAPS Conference on January 11-13 held at the IU Bloomington campus**. This year they will offer several workshops that will prepare participants as they are deciding to **apply and interview for professional and/or graduate school**. There will also be **admissions representatives from institutions all across the Midwest**, several opportunities to **network** with health care professionals and students in your area of interest. **Space is limited so REGISTER TODAY** in order to participate in this outstanding professional development opportunity.
 - Early Registration: \$60.00 (until Dec. 21st)
 - Regular Registration: \$75.00 (after Dec. 21st)
- Please note that your registration fee will cover conference materials, ALL meals, the conference banquet ceremony, and miscellaneous conference expenses. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register and to view the official conference website! You may also email region5mapsconference@gmail.com if you have any questions.
- **Need a Volunteering Opportunity or Work-Study Job?** **Shawmut Hills Elementary** has a great program for you! On **Tuesdays and Thursdays** throughout the school year, **tutors** are needed to help **1st through 3rd Graders in their reading skills**. Located about **10 minutes**

from GVSU's Allendale campus, Shawmut has a convenient location right off of M-45. Tutoring training is provided by United Way's Schools of Hope program. There is a **great need** for tutors and they are willing to **work around your schedule** to get you students! Along with **bettering the community by bringing literacy to disadvantaged children**, the experience is a **great resume builder** and a networking opportunity for Education students and others alike. If you are **AT ALL interested**, contact **Rosa Smith** at smithro@grps.org. Office: 616-819-3055 Direct: 616-819-2132

- **The AAMC's Aspiring Docs program** has been updated! Click [here](#) to read about **Devon Taylor**, a first year medical student at Harvard's medical school. Born in **Flint, Michigan**, Devon's story is one of overcoming seemingly insurmountable adversity through hard work, diligence, dedication, and effective mentoring. Although dropping out of high school for a period of time, Devon reengaged in his education, finished high school within four years, had a distinguished career in the Navy, completed college in 2 ½ years, and gained acceptance to medical school. **In the latest entry Devon says "Good bye" to his cadaver.**
- **International Service Learning Spring Break Opportunity!** They are offering **9-day** opportunities in **9 developing countries** during your Spring Break! **Serve, travel, and increase your understanding of global health issues.** ISL strives to enhance academic learning through **service experience**, while providing quality health care and other services for the underserved. They utilize in-country professionals and offer practical experience through socially responsible programs which observe the highest ethical standards and inspire students to a lifestyle of service. Visit their [schedule](#) and apply today!
- **The Central Association of Advisors for the Health Professions** will be hosting an event called **"Meet the Deans"** on **Saturday, April 20, 2013**. This session, located at the **West Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit**, will provide students the opportunity to speak with Deans of Health Professions programs throughout the Midwest.

Test Prep Course Winter 2013

- Are you taking an **entrance exam** to apply to **dental, medical, optometry or pharmacy school**? Do you have a study plan but want to **review** each section? Each week our course will focus on **ONE** part of the entrance exam (**physics, gen chem, organic chem, biology, verbal reasoning**). Each week's session will be led by a **GVSU faculty member**. Class will meet **THURSDAYS beginning January 17th** and will be held from **6 – 9:00 pm in MAK**. **ONLY \$40 for the entire course!** The **last class will be February 21** so we'll be **finished BEFORE** spring break. Need more information? Ready to register? <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising/> Click on Professional Programs (medical, dental, etc.) then Click on Other Resources (at the end of the list) and look for 2013 Professional Test Preparation Course. **Space is limited so don't delay!**





Summer Enrichment Programs

- **Summer Enrichment Programs** are being posted everyday now and application **deadlines** are already fast approaching! These programs are a great way to **supplement the education, volunteering, and shadowing experiences** in which you are already currently participating. A **GVSU student** who participated in one such program last summer had this to say about his experience:

"The six week program provid[ed] essential information and planning skills that will help any determined pre-medical student on their path to medical school and beyond. From clinical experiences to lectures on current issues in the medical field, this program [taught] its students what it really means to be involved in the medical profession. [We spent] five days a week in their medical school lecture hall, learning from their most brilliant MD, DO, and PhD professors. As [I] meet students with similar goals and aspirations, [I] learned that the path isn't just one big competition against others. Most importantly, [I left] the program with the confidence and necessary tools that will help [me] succeed as a pre-medical student."

- **The Enrichment Summer Program (ESP) through the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University** is geared toward **undergraduate** students with an interest in **veterinary medicine**. This **seven-week program** focuses on the **professional and educational** aspects of the field with the objective of developing **well-qualified prospective students from disadvantaged backgrounds**. ESP's goal is to introduce prospective students to the profession and, for students who choose this career path, assist them in pursuing and earning a **Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree**. Application is due **March 1, 2013** and can be found [here](#).
- **International Service Learning (ISL):** seeking inspiration through service!. The ISL is **now accepting** applications for **summer 2013** global health teams. There are 9 to 14-day opportunities available in **Mexico, Belize, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, the Dominican Republic & Haiti, Jamaica, and Tanzania!** Access the ISL schedule from www.islonline.org for **dates and costs**. Don't see what you're looking for? Contact info@ISLonline.org to request a specific date, location, or program.
- **The Columbia University PostBaccalaureate Premedical Program** admissions staff holds information sessions for **perspective students** and their guests that cover **curriculum details, program requirements and information about the application process**. An hour and a half prior to all on-campus information sessions prospective students and their guests are also invited to attend a **student-led campus tour**, which provides an overview of the Morningside Campus, campus history and a perspective about what it's like to be a Columbia Student. As the **oldest and largest program of its kind**, the **Columbia University Postbac Premed Program** is highly regarded for its rigorous approach to medical school preparation. Whether you are interested in a career in **medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or the allied health fields**, their resource-rich **New York City campus**, dedicated academic advisors, **network of clinical and research opportunities, and internationally-**

recognized faculty will help students realize their future in medicine. Register for an [Information Session and Tour](#) today! Summer application deadline is **April 1, 2013**.

Gap Year Opportunity



- “What Am I Going to Do For My Gap Year?” Become a **Chief Research Associate** in a **National Alliance of Research Associate Program (NARAP) Member Hospital**. Doing so will give you **Clinical Experience, Clinical Research, and Leadership skills** which will **jump start your career** in the Health Professions.
 - Undergraduate degree and pre-req courses completed
 - Four (4) Chief RAs per NARAP hospital’s RA Program in the Department of Emergency Medicine
 - RA Program Director’s assistants for the academic year
 - Involved in all aspects of an emergency department’s clinical research → potential for authorship
 - Leadership role on NARAP national, multi-center studies on
 - tobacco cessation
 - potentially the largest prospective, interventional clinical trial ever done
 - cervical and breast cancer screening
 - Volunteer about 20 hours per week ...
 - time for a full-time job
 - career advancement > making money in the short-term

Details and application materials: www.theNARAP.org

Parallel Plan

- **Anesthesiologist assistants (AAs)** earn \$120K and up after completing this **24 month Master of Science** program at one of **Case Western Reserve University’s** three locations in **Cleveland, Houston, or Washington D.C.** AAs are in **high demand** due to the ongoing shortage of anesthesia providers nationwide. All members of the graduating class of 2012 are employed. For information about the AA profession click [here](#). To review the admission requirements of Case Western Reserve University click [here](#).

Unsubscribe

The purpose of this newsletter is to share information that may be of interest to you. By posting information, it does not mean that we endorse the organizations or services enclosed. **To unsubscribe from the listserv** click the appropriate list below to send the unsubscribe email.

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Premed2013 | Dental2013 |
| Premed2014 | Predental2014 |
| Premed2015 | Predental2015 |
| Premed2016 | Predental2016 |

If the link above does not create an email for you, email the GVSU listserv (listserv@listserv.gvsu.edu) using the email address you used to subscribe - leave the subject blank! In the message area type the command "unsubscribe" - without quotation marks followed only by your listserv name.

If your timeline for when you will begin professional school has changed, please change your listserv affiliation.



"One resolution I have made, and try always to keep is this: to rise above the little things. "

John Burroughs

