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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.

1. Open Houses

Jefferson Medical College's rural Physician Shortage Area Program (PSAP)

Informational meeting on Friday, May 14, 2010 for interested pre-medical students from rural areas or small towns planning to practice in similar areas

Jefferson Medical College is hosting an informational meeting on Friday May 14, 2010 (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM) for pre-medical students who are interested in the rural Physician Shortage Area Program (PSAP). This meeting will take place on Jefferson's Philadelphia, Pennsylvania campus, and is specifically geared for those students (freshman through seniors):

1. who have grown up or lived in a small town or rural area (i.e. not urban and not suburban), and who are also
2. committed to practicing in a small town or rural area (not necessarily their home town).

Students who fit the PSAP goals and want to learn more about the program are encouraged to join us in May. Additional information about Jefferson's PSAP can be found at: <http://www.tju.edu/psap/>

During this day, students will be provided with more specific information regarding the PSAP and the admissions process - and will have an opportunity to meet with faculty and students involved in the program. Lunch will be provided, and a campus tour will be offered after the meeting for those who are interested.

Interested students can sign up for the program, or obtain additional information, by contacting contact Lisa Michaluk, MEd, Education Coordinator, via email at Lisa.Michaluk@jefferson.edu (or by phone at 215-955-2362). (There is limited space, so please advise students to RSVP early.)

Georgetown University Medical Center

Georgetown University Medical Center will be hosting an Open House for people interested in applying (or who are currently applying) to a biomedical master's program at Georgetown. This includes the Special Masters Program (SMP).

Date: Friday, April 16, 2010

Time: 10am-4pm

Location: Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington, DC

The event will include:

An overview of Georgetown University's biomedical master's degree programs

An opportunity to meet with program directors, program representatives, and current students

An opportunity to attend selected classes and seminars

Tour of the Georgetown University campus

Complementary Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

Please rsvp as soon as possible to reserve your seat: <http://biomedgrad.georgetown.edu/openhouseinfoapril2010.html>

2. Program Opportunities

Medicine

There is a valuable resource on AACOM's website. It is titled, Fast Facts on Osteopathic Medicine, and is found under the header titled, Newsroom, off our landing page at www.aacom.org. Specifically, please direct your attention to the AACOMAS Applicant Pool Profile 2009 Entering Class at: <http://www.aacom.org/about/fastfacts/Pages/default.aspx>

Additionally, note that the 2010 AACOMAS Application cycle is shortly coming to an end. Between March 1st - April 3, 2010, there are 11 COMs with rolling deadlines. Below are the medical schools listed with their AACOMAS deadline (1st line) and their Secondary deadline (2nd line). More details at: <http://www.aacom.org/InfoFor/applicants/Pages/Instructions.aspx>. We hope this information will be helpful to you when advising applicants during this timeframe.

Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (PNWU-COM)

Mar. 5, 2010

Apr. 2, 2010

Lincoln Memorial University DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (LMU-DCOM)

Mar. 15, 2010

Apr. 1, 2010

Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM)

Mar. 15, 2010

Apr. 15, 2010

Touro University – California Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine (TUCOM-CA)

Mar. 15, 2010

Apr. 15, 2010

Touro University – Nevada Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine (TUCOM-NV)

Mar. 15, 2010

Apr. 1, 2010

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine Bradenton Campus (LECOM-Bradenton)

Apr. 1, 2010

Apr. 1, 2010

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine - Erie/Seton Hill (LECOM-Erie/Seton Hill)

Apr. 1, 2010

Apr. 1, 2010

Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine - New York (TOUROCUM)

Apr. 1, 2010

May 3, 2010

Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (Western U/COMP)

Apr. 3, 2010

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College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP)

The College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) is launching an additional campus in Lebanon, Oregon, COMP-Northwest. They will seat a class of 100 students in August 2011. The program is fully accredited as it is an extension of the Pomona campus. The curriculum will be the same as on the Pomona campus. Students will complete their four years of medical education in the six northwest west states currently in the WU/COMP Northwest Track. Clinical rotations are already in place based on the seven-year experience of the Northwest Track. Applications are welcome from students throughout the United States; AACOMAS will begin accepting applications in May 2010.

To learn more about Lebanon and to view a live video feed of the building construction visit the Lebanon Chamber website at

www.lebanon-chamber.org

To learn more about the new Dean, Paula Crone, DO who was raised in the northwest, visit

http://www.democratherald.com/news/local/article_5c6eb610-cfd2-11de-8d81-001cc4c03286.html.

For information on COMP-Northwest visit

<http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/northwest/northwest-about.xml>

Georgetown Summer Medical Institute

The Georgetown Summer Medical Institute (GSMI), a program of the Georgetown School of Medicine, will be offering medical school courses, seminars and workshops for premedical (rising juniors and seniors), post-bacc, graduate and medical students this summer. For undergraduate and post-bacc premedical students, this is a unique opportunity to experience the medical school environment, get to know medical school faculty, and get an in depth education in an actual medical school course.

The courses include:

- Gross Anatomy (with cadaveric dissection)
- Medical Biochemistry
- Medical Histology
- Human Physiology

Students may enroll for one of the above courses only. In addition, students who want to learn more about the medical profession and the application process are encouraged to enroll for two seminar series:

- Physician and Society Seminars

- Medical Admissions Workshops

This is the sixth year of this program. If you have questions, you may address them to (myersa@georgetown.edu) or visit the website: <http://gsmi.georgetown.edu>

Application Preparation Extreme (APEX)

Applying to medical school? The Application Preparation Extreme (APEX) summer residential camp is an intensive five-day program designed to assist upperclass pre-med students prepare for their med school application. The program includes a human cadaver dissection, shadowing in the hospitals, intensive personal statement and interview skills workshops, interview practice and two simulated authentic med school interviews for each participant. Camp counselors are current med students. This opportunity will help highly-motivated students learn how to showcase their abilities, skills, and motivation throughout the application process to med school. Must have 60 hours of earned college credit to attend. The flyer and application can be downloaded at www.sc.edu/oppa/med/APEX.shtml

- June 6-10, 2010
- By application only
- First come, first served
- \$825, includes room, board, field trips, transportation while attending the camp, activities, and useful workbooks
- \$50 deposit due with application is non-refundable for those accepted into the camp. Remainder may be paid in 3 installments of \$258. Credit card payments accepted: 803-777-5581. Tuition assistance available for students receiving Pell Grant, or letter from school indicating financial need.

Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

On Friday, April 16, 2010, the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine will host its annual Open House from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This year's events will provide a great deal of exposure to the profession and valuable information for future students. The event will be held in Fee Hall. There will be an opportunity to meet with the Admissions staff, hear medical case presentations as well as visit labs. No reservations are needed. If you have questions, please call 517.355.4608.

The Native Americans into Medicine

The Native Americans into Medicine program is for Native American students who are pursuing an education that will enable them to become health professionals. The aim of this program is to provide promising students with experience and support to help them become more informed, better prepared, and more competitive as they move toward their health professions goal.

This year's program will take place on the University of Minnesota-Duluth Campus from June 21st - July 30th. Topics will include:

- Hands-on activities and discussions with health professionals
- Physical diagnosis labs
- Tours of local medical centers
- Math and science coursework resembling health professions schools' content
- Assistance with academic planning for medical or other health professions school

More information can be found at <http://www.caimh.org/summer/home.html>

Summer Institute for Premedical Scholars

There will be a one week course at the University of Virginia entitled "Summer Institute for Premedical Scholars". This is designed to enhance the knowledge and experience of undergraduates interested in a career as a health professional. The intent is to give pre-health students an in-depth understanding of the structure, function, financing, and challenges of the American health care system and the practice of Medicine. You will also spend some time detailing the Medical School application process and offer some guidelines and advice. A similar course has been offered at UVa in the January Term and has been popular and highly rated by students. They will be offering this as a certificate course through the UVa School of Continuing Education and Professional Studies. The dates will be June 7-11, 2010; the course will be held on the UVa Grounds. They anticipate that enrollment will open in early March, and that tuition and fees will be approximately \$950. Other details are still being worked out.

Please communicate by email rdp5p@virginia.edu if you have any additional questions. A tentative syllabus is available to those who wish to have a look at the proposed structure of the course.

Robert D. Powers MD MPH

Optometry

UC BERKELEY'S OPTO-CAMP

The Admissions and Student Affairs Office at UC Berkeley's School of Optometry is pleased to announce that they are celebrating 5 years of our summer "Opto-Camp" program and that we will again offer two sessions this summer, June 21-23 and July 19-21.

The goal of Berkeley Optometry's Opto-Camp is to introduce underrepresented 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.

Please note that this year we have incorporated a \$125 program fee due to budgetary constraints, however, we are also offering a limited amount of scholarships per session. Program specifics and the application are linked here:

http://optometry.berkeley.edu/opt_txttp/admissions/admitoptocamp.html

The application deadline is **Monday, April 26, 2010.**

Pacific University College of Optometry

Pacific University's College of Optometry invites college students with an interest in the health professions to apply for admittance to its InSight 2010 residence experience, scheduled for July 7-9 on the Forest Grove campus. The three-day program is designed to introduce the optometry profession to ethnic groups underrepresented in the practice. Attendees will receive a comprehensive view of the field to see if it is something they wish to pursue as a career.

Program activities include presentations by nationally recognized optometrists, cross-professional case studies, social events, and more. The primary objective of InSight 2010 is to introduce underrepresented pre-health students to the optometric profession and provide the tools, skills and knowledge needed to become a competitive applicant to graduate health programs. "This is a great opportunity for undergraduate students who are considering a career in healthcare practice," College of Optometry dean Jennifer Smythe said. "We are proud to offer a comprehensive look at this dynamic and critical health profession at no cost to attendees, other than their own transportation."

Admitted students will receive participation materials and on-campus room and board free of charge. Complimentary ground transportation from Portland International Airport (PDX) to the campus and back will be provided.

"Optometrists are healthcare providers who do much more than prescribe materials for improved vision," Smythe said. "They diagnose and manage eye disease, perform minor surgical procedures, and are often the care provider that discovers a patient's health issue first."

Those wishing to attend the program must be enrolled in an accredited college or university in fall 2010, have a demonstrated interest in the health professions, have a cumulative grade point average above 2.75, and identify as part of a minority group that is underrepresented in the optometry profession. Application requirements and materials may be obtained at:

www.pacificu.edu/optometry.

Dentistry

New Info about ADEA AADSAS

Some highlights for the 2011 ADEA AADSAS application cycle:

*The ADEA AADSAS application cycle will begin on June 3, 2010.

* Enhancements to the 2011 application cycle include:

- Official DAT scores will be reported in the AADSAS application for the first time (until now, applicants have self-reported their DAT scores, with official scores being sent at applicant request to their designated dental schools); effective with this cycle, official DAT scores will be downloaded directly from the American Dental Association into the application.
- A simpler, more direct Fee Assistance Program will be implemented (details to follow later this spring).
- ADEA will be implementing a criminal background check system that dental schools can opt to participate in; it will be fashioned similarly to the AAMC and PharmCas systems.
- In response to your requests, an enhanced Advisor Portal will provide advisors more information about your applicants (details to follow later this spring)

*The 2011 ADEA AADSAS application fee will be \$227 for the initial designation and \$72/additional designation. We encourage financially challenged applicants to apply for fee assistance-additional funds have been budgeted for the upcoming cycle.

Also, for the first time, all applicants must have a DENTPIN(r), a unique identification number for all students in the dental education system. Applicants who first encounter the dental education system, whether signing up for the DAT or initiating an AADSAS application, will be prompted to create a DENTPIN(r). Applicants can also look up their previously-created DENTPINs at www.ada.org/goto/dentpin.

As indicated, ADEA will be providing updates about 2011 enhancements in the coming months.

Masters in Biomedical Science/Health Science

Commonwealth Medical College

The Commonwealth Medical College is excited to offer a preparatory program for students interested in attending medical school. This is a one-year Masters in Biomedical Sciences program, which includes an MCAT preparation course from the Princeton Review. We are currently accepting applications until **May 30, 2010** for admission in July 2010. Please let your students know about this amazing opportunity.

The highlights of the program include:

- ☐ Strengthens student credentials for acceptance into medical school
- ☐ Graduate school courses in the biomedical sciences
- ☐ Workshops on medical school interviewing skills with feedback
- ☐ MCAT Hyperlearning program from the Princeton Review
- ☐ MD Program Faculty
- ☐ Clinical Skills and Simulation Center experiences
- ☐ Financial Aid
- ☐ Community health projects
- ☐ Application preparation for medical school

The application to the program is available at www.thecommonwealthmedical.com/mbsapp. There is a \$55 MBS Program application fee.

3. Application Services Opening Dates for 2011 Class

OptomCAS will launch on July 15, 2010.

AACOMAS will be available for entering data shortly after May 1, 2010. It is not a good move to open the app on a weekend when our offices are closed and May 1 falls on a weekend this year. However the opening date for application submission will be June 1, 2010.

Additionally, they will not verify transcripts with the Spring Term in progress.

AMCAS

The 2011 application will open on or about May 4, at which point applicants will be able to begin filling out their applications.

Applicants will be able to submit their applications beginning on or about June 1.

Transmission of applications to medical schools will begin on or about June 24.

ADEA AADSAS application will launch on June 3, meaning the application becomes available and applicants can also begin submitting on that date.

AACPMAS will launch on August 2. The application will be available and applicants can begin submitting on that date.

4. Global Health

ISL

Summer teams are now forming.

Join International Service Learning in Belize, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, or Panama, May 1-14

http://app.streamsend.com/c/???redirect_to=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.islonline.org%2Fflyers%2Fflyers_may1_2010.pdf

Additional trips available throughout the summer! Check out our 2010 Schedule

http://app.streamsend.com/c/???redirect_to=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.islonline.org%2Fschedule%2Fmay-2010%2F

Gain valuable hands-on health care experience, and make a difference in the lives of those in need of essential health services!

Programs available in medical, nursing, public health, dental, and pharmacy.

Opportunities are available for students to receive aid in funding their trip by becoming a campus rep (contact Kyle@islonline.org

for more details) or by applying to our GSM Financial Sponsorship Program

http://app.streamsend.com/c/???redirect_to=http%3A%2F%2Fapp.streamsend.com%2F%3Fredirect_to%3Dhttp%253A%252F%252Faboutgsm.org%252Fsponsorship_program.html

For more information contact INFO@ISLonline.org OR visit us on the web: www.ISLonline.org

Global Health and Innovation Conference

GH/Innovate 2010

Global Health & Innovation Conference Presented by Unite For Sight, 7th Annual Conference

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA Saturday, **April 17 - Sunday, April 18, 2010**

"A Meeting of Minds"--CNN

Registration & Details: <http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference>

200 speakers, including keynote addresses by Seth Godin, Jacqueline Novogratz, Jeffrey Sachs and Sonia Sachs. Social innovation sessions by CEOs and Directors of Acumen Fund, Partners in Health, Doctors Without Borders, Save The Children, HealthStore Foundation, and many others. The conference schedule <http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference/speaker-schedule-2010> is now online.

The Global Health & Innovation Conference convenes more than 2,200 students and professionals from 55 countries who are interested in global health and international development, public health, medicine, social entrepreneurship, nonprofits, philanthropy, microfinance, human rights, anthropology, health policy, advocacy, public service, environmental health, and education.

Call For Social Enterprise Pitches: Do you have an innovative idea or a new program in development? Submit your idea for presentation. Complete details on conference website <http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference>.

5. Other Useful Information

Community Service Opportunity - Tutoring

Do you like working with children? Sacred Heart School (located across from John Ball Park) has an After-School

Tutoring Program and is looking for volunteers to work one-on-one with students.

This is a great opportunity to get out and help in the community and to be with really terrific students! The WORD Program meets on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3:00 PM until 4:45 PM. If you can help one or more days a week (rides to and from can be arranged) please contact Vera A. Tilmann at veratilm@sbcglobal.net or call 616-735-9874 or 616-459-0826.

There are admirable potentialities in every human being. Believe in your strength and your youth. Learn to repeat endlessly to yourself, 'It all depends on me.'
-Andre Gide.