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Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

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1. Grand Valley Announcements and Events

Open Advising Sessions for students majoring in Biomedical Science, Biology, Chemistry and Cell & Molecular Biology

Walk-in Advising Times

Wednesday, March 16 12:00-3:00 pm D-1-129 MAK

Thursday, March 17 2:30-4:30 pm D-1-129 MAK

Students **MUST** bring Banner transcript and MyPath Degree Evaluation

Into the streets:

Into the Streets is a periodic service opportunity that introduces students to non-profit agencies in the Greater Grand Rapids area. The program is geared towards students with little service experience or who are interested in checking out a new community agency! It's FREE and transportation is provided for most trips. Space is limited to 15 students per trip.

March 25th, 2011: Location TBA (<http://www.gvsu.edu/service/into-the-streets-31.htm>) 12:30pm - 4:30pm

April 16th, 2011: Kent County Parks (http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ITS_KentCounty) 10:00am-3:00pm

2. PostBac Programs

AMCAS Information on PostBac Programs

Why Enroll in a Post Baccalaureate Program?

There are many reasons to enroll in a Post Baccalaureate Premedical Program (often called *PostBac* program for short). Some are designed for career changers; some are geared to students who need to complete coursework in requisite undergraduate science courses; other programs focus on those applicants who would like to improve their GPA's. Another group of programs are specifically designed to assist persons from groups underrepresented in medicine or from educationally or economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Here is a link that allows you to search for PostBac programs based on your specific situation, location and institutions: <http://services.aamc.org/postbac/>

Columbia University Postbac Premed Program

(<http://www.gs.columbia.edu/postbac/realize/inspire?source=PAAE>)

The Columbia University Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program enrolls students with diverse backgrounds. Some have already begun a career and are looking for more from their professional lives, others have experienced personal situations that inspired them to go into a medical field, and some are seeking the science education they didn't take in their undergraduate programs. 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.

Go to <http://www.gs.columbia.edu/postbac/realize/inspire?source=PAAE> to receive more detailed information about the Columbia Postbac Premed Program

The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Summer Academic Enrichment Programs

The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA is currently accepting applications for the following summer academic enrichment programs:

* ReApplication Post baccalaureate Program (RAP).

RAP is post baccalaureate program that is designed to assist students who meet all the following criteria: are California residents, from disadvantaged and/or underserved backgrounds, committed to practicing in underserved communities in California, and who applied but were unsuccessful in gaining admissions to any U.S. medical school.

The eleven-month program is conducted in two sessions, summer and academic year. **The priority deadline for applying is May, 6, 2011.** Final deadline **May 13, 2011.** Application and further information can be found at the following websites: <https://meded-postbac.ucsd.edu> or www.medstudent.ucla.edu/offices/aeo/rap.cfm

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

3. Programs and Open Houses

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

The Spring DO Open House will be held Friday, April 8, 2011 from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm. This program includes a tour of the campus, an opportunity to speak with faculty members and students, an admissions presentation, as well as an Osteopathic Manual Manipulation demonstration. RSVP online at www.pcom.edu

University of Michigan School of Dentistry Dental Career Program

This is an open house for prospective students.

When: Saturday, April 2, 2011

Where: Kellogg Auditorium, RM G005

Schedule: 9:00 - 9:30 OPENING SESSION- PREPARING FOR DENTAL SCHOOL

9:30 - 9:45 COST OF DENTAL EDUCATION

9:45 - 10:45 PRESENTATIONS ON DENTAL CAREERS

10:45 - 11:00 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

11:00 - 12:00 TOURS of the School of Dentistry conducted by dental student

Please enter the building from the main entrance on North University or the doors facing the Palmer Street structure.

For more information please call 734-763-3316 or visit our website at

<http://www.dent.umich.edu/events/2011/april/dental-career-program>

Health Professions Recruitment Fair and Medical Student Forum

College students from Ohio, Michigan, and Pennsylvania are invited to participate in:

Health Professions Recruitment Fair and Student Forum for Future Physicians

Talk to representatives from health professions schools and learn more about their programs. Health professions schools, including medicine, pharmacy and many more, from the mid-west region and foreign countries will be available.

Discussions will occur between current medical students and participants related to topics such as becoming a competitive applicant and strengthening your application, presenting yourself professionally, financing your medical education, and choosing a medical school.

When: Saturday, April 17, 2011, Registration begins at 12:30pm

Where: Cleveland Renaissance Hotel

24 Public Square

Cleveland, OH 44113

Sign up at: <https://aims.neoucom.edu/direct/eval-evaluation/414>

There is no cost to college students. A confirmation will be emailed to you closer to the date with additional details.

Western University of Health Sciences

Have an in-depth look at Western University of Health Sciences!

Preview Day March 5th, 2011

Hear directly from: Founding President Dr. Philip Pumerantz, WesternU faculty members, Current WesternU students and Admission representatives

This event will function the same way as a program-specific information session, but they will be holding multiple info sessions on one day. All attendees will begin the morning with a presentation from the President of the University, and then students will attend the session for the program of their interest.

To register: <http://westernu.info/previewday>

Vanderbilt 5th Annual Health Professions Graduate School Fair

The Health Professions Advisory Office at Vanderbilt University will be hosting their 5th Annual Health Professions Graduate School Fair. The fair has grown over the years from 15 institutions to more than 50 last year representing more than 90 different programs. In addition to Vanderbilt undergraduates, they invite students from all the area's colleges/universities. As in previous years all students are welcome to attend.

The Fair will be held in the Ballrooms of the Student Life Center on April 7 between 2:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.

If you would like to register to attend contact Karen Laws at karen.a.law@vanderbilt.edu or call her at 615-322-2446.

Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine Spring Open House

When: Saturday, March 19, 2011 10:00 am-5:00pm

Where: Virginia Campus

Special interest sessions are available on Saturday afternoon to create the opportunity to participate in tours and learn more about selected topics. A schedule for the special interest sessions will be included with your Open House confirmation.

Please RSVP via email to admissions@vcom.vt.edu if you plan to attend. For more information visit www.vcom.vt.edu

University of Michigan Career Center Events

MD-PhD: Is it Right for Me?

When: Monday, March 14, 4-5 PM

Sponsored with UROP

Info Session that includes a panel of members from the MD-PhD Communication Committee of the GREAT Group MD-PHD Section of the Association of American Medical Colleges. The session includes a 25 minute slide presentation followed by a Q&A period. Panel members will provide insight and objective expectations of the dual degree career.

Where: 2260 Undergraduate Science Building (USB) The USB is located next to Palmer Commons where Visitor Parking as well as Staff/Faculty Parking is available. Walking and driving directions are available at:

<http://palmercommons.umich.edu/content/mapsdirectionsparking>

Thinking about Medical Schools? Explore the DO Difference

When: Monday, March 14, 7-9 PM

Where: Michigan Room in the Michigan League

Sponsored with AACOM and UM Pre-SOMA

A mini-fair of DO schools only:

A.T. Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (ATSU-KCOM)

A.T. Still University-School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (ATSU-SOMA)

Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University (CCOM)

Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine (DMU-COM)

Kansas City University of Medicine & Biosciences COM (KCUMB-COM)

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine Erie, PA & Bradenton, FL (LECOM)

Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM)

Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-COM)

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine & Georgia PCOM (PCOM & GA-PCOM)

West Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM)

Directions and map at <http://uunions.umich.edu/league/maps/>

Medical School Information Fair

When: Tuesday, March 15, 3-6 P

Where: Michigan Union

A wonderful opportunity to speak with representatives from MD and DO schools, including foreign medical schools, MD/PhD programs, and a few postbaccs. Details and list of participating schools will be posted in the coming weeks at <http://www.careercenter.umich.edu/students/events/msif.html>

Please note that representatives involved in the DO Difference activities will also be present at the Medical School Information Fair the next day.

The Illinois College of Optometry Spring Admissions Open House

The Illinois College of Optometry cordially invites you to attend their Spring Admissions Open House on Saturday, March 19th, 2011 from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Prospective students and their families are welcome to learn tips on preparing for optometry school, discover new technologies and advances in the profession of Optometry, and take a guided tour of the campus and clinical facilities and more! There will also be an opportunity to meet with admissions representatives. Refreshments will be served.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP at www.ico.edu (<http://www.ico.edu/>). For directions to ICO, visit www.ico.edu (<http://www.ico.edu/>) and click on Admissions.

The Life Sciences Institute Perrigo Undergraduate Summer Fellowship

The Life Sciences Institute is proud to offer the Perrigo Undergraduate Summer Fellowship. This 10-week program offers undergraduate students currently enrolled in any Michigan University or College, the opportunity to work side-by-side with a faculty member at L.S.I. and gain invaluable biomedical research experience.

Students will develop their own research focus and present their findings to their colleagues and peers at the Perrigo Symposium, which concludes the program. This program offers a \$3,000 stipend plus additional housing support. For more details, please visit www.lsi.umich.edu and click on the Scientific Initiatives link. Please note the application deadline of **March 4, 2011**. All completed applications, reference letters, and transcripts can be mailed/ e-mailed/ faxed to:

Jamie L. Yost

Perrigo Summer Fellows

210 Washtenaw Ave., 3rd Floor

Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2216

jlyost@umich.edu

Fax: (734)763-6492

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact the program administrator Jamie Yost, 734-615-9787 or jlyost@umich.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

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 at:

www.hopkinsmedicine.org/FAE/anatomyinstitute. For further information, please contact Ms. Arlene Daniel at adaniel@jhmi.edu.

4. Research Opportunities

Summer in Biomedical Science (SIBS) Undergraduate Research Program 2011

This summer, the Departments of Environmental Health Sciences, Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Genetics, Medicine, Microbiology, Pathology, Physiology and Biophysics, Pharmacology and Toxicology, and the Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham are sponsoring an eight week program in which selected undergraduate students will conduct laboratory research under the guidance of individual UAB faculty members.

Student recipients of this competitive fellowship receive a stipend of \$2000 for the summer. Students will receive free on-campus housing but will be responsible for their own meals, travel to and from Birmingham, and other expenses. The program dates will be June 6 - July 29, 2011. The application deadline is **March 14, 2011**. They expect applicants to SIBS to have completed at least their sophomore year of undergraduate coursework. They anticipate that successful candidates will typically demonstrate grade point averages of 3.0 ("B") or higher, especially in science, math, and related areas.

Their goal in offering this fellowship is to give talented students the opportunity to experience the challenges and rewards of intensive, hypothesis-drive laboratory research. This experience should help students make well informed decisions about future career plans. Previous research experience is not required. They especially welcome applications from students who are interested in research as a potential career, including students interested in PhD and MD/PhD programs.

Students can learn more about SIBS and obtain the Application Form online at www.uab.edu/sibs or by contacting Robin Lorenz, M.D, Ph.D at rlorenz@uab.edu.

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

5. Scholarship Opportunities

St. George's University-The Chancellor's Circle of the Legacy of Excellence Scholarship

St. George's University is awarding one-third tuition scholarships—automatically—to 50 accepted students who have a minimum undergraduate 3.7 cumulative GPA, a 3.5 science GPA and a 29 MCAT. The award does not require further review after the Committee on Admission makes its decision to accept a student into the School of Medicine.

Students who don't make this automatic academic standard are encouraged to apply for the Legacy of Excellence scholarship program which rewards academic achievement. SGU has given hundreds of Legacy of Excellence awards to the best students in the past few years.

They are seeking the best students to attend the best medical degree program in the region. If you have these qualifications and want to speak to an enrolment counselor, call them at 1 (800) 899-6337, ext. 426 now, or visit their website at www.sgu.edu.

6. 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.

7. Testing Services/Other

The Association of American Medical Colleges

The Association of American Medical College's Careers in Medicine <https://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/cim> program produces a quarterly newsletter Choices

<https://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/cim/choicesnewsletter/> to help medical students consider specialty and residency options and plan their physician career. Choices can also inform undergraduate students who are considering a physician career.

They highlight a specialty or practice option and describes a physician's day-to-day experience in that field or setting. The January 2011 issue <https://www.aamc.org/students/download/170716/data/january2011choices.pdf> highlights:

*Medical genetics

*How to manage your mentor or advisor

*Finding the right specialty

If you would like notification of new issues of Choices, e-mail subscribe-choices@lists.aamc.org.

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"Life can be pulled by goals just as surely as it can be pushed by drives."

-Viktor Frankl