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Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

Week of February 7, 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/>

Strengths Based Leadership Seminar

When: February 15th 12:00pm-1:15pm

Where: Kirkhof Center Room 2270

A 3-week workshop series on leading with your strengths, based on the StrengthsQuest assessment tool. Click here to register! <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/strengthsseminar1winter2011>

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.

February 25th, 2011: Habitat for Humanity (http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ITS_HabitatDay1) 8:00am-4:00pm

February 26th, 2011: Habitat for Humanity (http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ITS_HabitatDay2) 8:00am-4:00pm

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

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

University of Medicine and Health Sciences- St. Kitts

Come learn more about the University of Medicine and Health Sciences

When: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 from 4:00pm-6:00pm

Where: Pizza House

4790 Hagadorn Road

East Lansing, MI 48823

For directions call (517) 336-0033 and for more information call (248) 36308558 or (877) 363-8558.

RSVP online at www.umhs-sk.org

Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine Spring Open House

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

Where: Virginia Campus

10:00am-1:00pm Formal Open House Program

☐ Review of Curriculum

☐ Introduction to Osteopathic Medicine and OMM Demonstration

☐ Application Process Overview

☐ Panel Discussion with VCOM Students

1:00-2:00pm Lunch

2:00 pm-5:00pm Special Interest Break-Out Session

☐ Individual Meetings with VCOM Admissions Staff

☐ Simulation and Technology Center Tours

☐ Anatomy Lab Tour

☐ Appalachian and Global Health Outreach Opportunities

☐ Introduction to VCOM—Carolinas 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

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 Monday's 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.

Indiana University's 9th Annual Health Programs Fair

The Health Professions and Prelaw Center at Indiana University will be hosting their 9th Annual Health Programs Fair on March 2, 2011.

The Indiana University Health Programs Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the Indiana Memorial Union Alumni Hall on the Indiana University Bloomington campus. Last year over 900 students interested in careers in medicine and the health fields attended the fair. Indiana University students, alumni, students from neighboring institutions, and the general public are also invited. They encourage students to come prepared with thoughtful questions and provide occupational outlook information about each of the professions represented at the fair. For additional information about the fair you may also visit the website at <http://www.hpplc.indiana.edu/medicine/med-hpf.shtml>.

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:

- * Premedical/Predental Enrichment Program (PREP)
- * Summer Medical Dental Education Program (SMDEP)

PREP is a seven week summer academic enrichment program that targets students from disadvantaged/underrepresented backgrounds. Students are exposed to the rigors of academic medicine and dentistry. Included are preceptor ships with physicians in clinical and research settings. The program is enhanced by students being mentored in intimate, structured cluster groups by trained teaching assistants and accomplished medical students. The program is free, however housing is not provided. A stipend is given to students for living expenses. The postmark deadline for submission of all required material is **March 1, 2011**. Applications and further program information are available at: <http://www.medstudent.ucla.edu/offices/aeo/prep.cfm>

SMDEP is a six-week summer academic enrichment program that targets educationally and financially disadvantaged freshman and sophomore college students by providing intensive and personalized medical and dental school preparation. This national program is funded through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The program is free. On-campus housing and some meals are provided. Deadline for applying is **March 1, 2011**. Application and further information can be found at the following websites: www.smdep.org and <http://www.medsch.ucla.edu/smdep/>

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

4. Research Opportunities

The Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program

The Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine will again 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 **March 1, 2011**.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact the OU-COM Admissions Office at 800-345-1560.

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

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 a \$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.

5. 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>

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.

We 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

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MCAT Practice Tests-Kaplan

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, 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

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)

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

***"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."
-Anatole France***