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Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

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1. GVSU General Announcements

■ **GVSU Graduate Showcase 2012: Education for the Future**

Come learn about GVSU graduate programs on **April 10** from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The event will be held in the Loosemore Auditorium in the DeVos Center at the Pew Campus in Grand Rapids. There will be a keynote speaker, poster presentations, and awards given for graduate work. Visit www.gvsu.edu/gradshowcase for more information.

- Are you a pre-med student? Check out <http://www.premedlife.com/> for articles geared specifically toward pre-medical student life.
- **Discipline-Specific Writing Support** is available at The Writing Center. The Writing Center employs peer consultants from majors across the university. Students who would benefit from meeting with a consultant with experience in science writing, the social sciences, or any other field, can determine using the website which consultants might meet their needs before scheduling an appointment. Students can call the writing center at 331-2922 for more information.

2. Program & Scholarship Announcements

- Attention, pre-dental students:

Although it has always been important for applicants to explore Dentistry before applying, there is a significant strengthening in policy for the **University of Michigan – School of Dentistry**. **For the upcoming 2013 ADEA AADSAS application cycle, applicants to the University of Michigan will be required to demonstrate a minimum of 100 hours of dental shadowing and/or volunteering. Applications without this minimum number of hours completed may not be reviewed or these applicants may not be offered interviews.**

Please carefully consider this change as you prepare for this upcoming and future application cycles. More emphasis is being placed upon significant time *already* spent in dental settings rather than exploration that you may have “planned” during the application cycle after submission of your primary application. You are encouraged to continue to explore the field and practice of dentistry well beyond this **minimum 100 hours** in as many varied settings as possible. An interest in addressing health disparities or a commitment to service and care for underserved communities will continue to be valued.

(The 2013 ADEA AADSAS application will launch on June 4, 2012)

- **Old PreMeds Conference:** Interested pre-medical students are invited to share in an opportunity to meet an amazing group of pre-medical students, some of whom are career changers, with a variety of professional careers. Details on the **June 7-10, 2012 Conference in Orlando, FL** and recruiting opportunities are listed on their website and at: http://www.oldpremeds.org/conference/2012_Exhibitor_Invoice.pdf This may be of particular interest for **non-traditional students returning to finish pre-medical requirements**.
- Gap Medics is a comprehensive provider of short-term healthcare placements overseas. They send thousands of students overseas annually on short-term summer programs ranging from 1-week to 12-weeks. Students spend time in Tanzania, India, Thailand or the Caribbean living with 32 other students in large, safe, comfortable houses and shadow highly skilled doctors on their day to day rounds on a fully supervised hospital placement. Students also have clinical teaching sessions at the end of the working day, all aimed at preparing them for their future careers in healthcare and giving them a different perspective of life within a working hospital environment.

The programs allow students to get a better idea which specialty of healthcare interests them,

and any student considering a career in healthcare can undertake a Gap Medics placement, whether this be pre-med, pre-nursing, pre-dental or 1st and 2nd year healthcare students. The programs start every weekend of the year. There are program fees for each program as each includes full support and briefings before travel, accommodation, food, airport transfer, hospital and doctor fees and donations, full extensive in country staff teams and 24-hour security. More information can be found at www.gapmedics.com

- Interested in working at the **Muscular Dystrophy Association's** summer camp? This is a great way to impact the life of a child living with a neuromuscular disease! Volunteer *one week* of your time to give a child in **West Michigan** the BEST week of the year! Summer camp will take place June 24-30, 2012 at YMCA's Camp Manitou-Lin in Middleville, Michigan. Contact Jessica with any questions or for additional information at (616) 459-4331 or JBudzynskistotts@mdausa.org.
- Start Looking for **Summer 2012 Summer Enrichment Programs**. ExploreHealthCareers' Enrichment Database was updated recently with information for 2012. It includes over 500 health care enrichment programs in the United States that offer research experience, clinical exposure, and academic enrichment to help prepare you for a career in health care. Visit the site here: <http://explorehealthcareers.org/en/careers/programs?pub=1&issue=>
- Are you interested in helping others around the world? Check out www.ISOnline.org to learn more about International Service Learning.
- Attention: students with a passion for researching cellular, molecular and genetic biology in a way that makes a difference for human health! The **Van Andel Institute** (VAI) Graduate School provides an innovative Ph.D. program for students with the capacity and motivation for careers in biomedical research. Located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the VAI conducts biomedical research with an emphasis on translating scientific results into clinical applications. The Van Andel Institute Graduate School trains Ph.D. scientists to be leading scholars in cellular, molecular and genetic studies relevant to human diseases. Its innovative problem-based curriculum leads students to explore fundamental concepts in genetics, biochemistry, cell and molecular biology through highly integrated courses based on current research questions. Thesis research is conducted 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 2012, the VAI seeks 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 more essential is an understanding of and passion for the life of a scientist, and the exploration of cutting-edge scientific questions. Those with a bold and pioneering spirit will make the most of this opportunity. More information and on-line application are available at their website, www.vai.org/Education/GraduateSchool.aspx, or by contacting the graduate school office at registrar@vai.org or 616-234-5708.
- **University of Michigan's MPREP**: This is a National Institutes of Health (NIH) - funded Post-baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP). Its objective is to provide individuals from underrepresented groups experience in research and sometimes additional academic enhancements in order to strengthen their candidacy for admission to PhD programs. MPREP benefits include:
 - One-year academic and research program starting July 1 each year
 - Financial package, including tuition, salary (\$21,000) and benefits
 - Over 150 potential faculty advisors from 6 schools and colleges

- Possibility to enhance the program with UM coursework as advised
- Preparation course for the GRE
- Funding to travel to and participate in a professional conference
- Participation in seminars, journal clubs and social activities
- Peer support and advising by graduate student organizations
- Workshops to enhance preparation for graduate school applications
- Invitation to career development events
- Regular meetings with PREP Directors to present research and discuss career development

Visit www.med.umich.edu/prep for more information. Application deadline is **April 20**.

- **Summer 2012 Undergraduate Research Opportunities** are available at the **Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine** in Cleveland, Ohio. The web site includes numerous research opportunities at the [School of Medicine](#), [University Hospitals Case Medical Center](#), [Cleveland Clinic](#), [Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital](#), and [MetroHealth Medical Center](#). Additionally, the site includes information about the Summer Medical Dental Education Program ([SMDEP](#)) and the Heart, Lung, and Blood ([HLB](#)) Summer Research Program for minority and disadvantaged students.

Undergraduate Summer Research

Link: http://casemed.case.edu/admissions/research/summer_programs.cfm

Information about Case Western and their Three MD Tracks

<http://casemed.case.edu/admissions/>

- University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine **Master of Science in Medical Science** with a concentration in Interdisciplinary Medical Science:
The Master of Science in Medical Science (M.S.M.S) with a concentration in Interdisciplinary Medical Science (IMS) is designed to provide qualified students with advanced training in the sciences basic to the practice of medicine. A goal of this concentration is to provide promising medical school applicants an opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that would enable them to have a career in the medical sciences. Students will take courses that will provide the same level of depth, breadth, and intensity as those taken by a first year medical student.
Application: <http://health.usf.edu/medicine/osde/forms.htm>
Program Information (See this site for program info and eligibility):
<http://health.usf.edu/medicine/osde/msms.htm>
General Information: osde@health.usf.edu<<mailto:osde@health.usf.edu>>
- 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>

3. Focus on: Dentists

Each edition of the e-bulletin will be focusing on a specific professional career. This month, we are focusing on dentists. Dentistry is dedicated to oral care and health. Dentists are trained to treat both adults and children in a variety of settings. The career outlook for dentists is excellent, and they have a generous compensation range. Dentists may perform examinations, extractions, surgeries, and even manage an office staff if the dentist owns his/her own practice. Dentists also provide education and advice regarding oral care and health.

Visit <http://www.explorehealthcareers.org> to learn more about being a dentist, or to investigate other careers within the health field that might interest you.

