

CLAS Academic Advising Center

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Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

Week of September 21, 2009

We hope the first few weeks of classes are going well for you! Keep up the hard work. As the semester progresses, think about getting more involved on campus, adding something extra to your experience and stay on top of your classes. Be sure to get to know your professors if you haven't already and remember to set aside some free time for yourself. Meet with an advisor if you have any questions regarding your schedule or what your next step should be. Remember to be proactive in everything you do.

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The purpose of the 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. **MAPS Information (Multicultural Association of Pre-Med Students)**

Mission- The sole mission of this organization is to enhance the recruitment of underrepresented students into health care and medical fields, and to help members become successful candidates for professional health and medical programs.

History- Our organization is new and is just beginning to expand here at Grand Valley State University. This will be our first official year here at the GV campus. This will allow our new members to play a role in developing and shaping the future of our organization.

Calendar-

September: Intro meetings

October: Study skills session with Johs. Oct 6th 3-5 pm (Room TBA)
Group Advising with Amanda Cuevas Oct. 9th 5pm (Room TBA)

November: Pre-Professional Day Nov. 14th

December: Study Groups before finals

January: Have a FAFSA workshop

February: Health Conference

March: New Positions will be assigned-positions for E-board open

April: General meetings and study groups for finals

Contact Info-

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Find us on Stuey

2. Research Opportunities

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is excited to announce the opening of the application for the 2010 Intramural NIAID Research Opportunities (INRO) program. The INRO program is intended for students who are from populations underrepresented in biomedical research who are interested in exploring career opportunities in the areas of allergy, immunology, and infectious diseases.

INRO participants will have the opportunity to:

- Hear scientific lectures from prominent scientists.
- Interview with scientists for potential research training positions at the Institute's Maryland and Montana laboratories.
- Tour Institute laboratories and see the state-of-the-science technologies.

The 4-day exploratory program takes place on the NIH campus in Bethesda, MD, February 1–4, 2010. NIAID will pay all expenses for travel, hotel accommodations, and meals. Candidates who are a full-time college-level junior or senior, medical school student, or doctoral candidate, attending a 4-year accredited U.S. college or university, and from a population underrepresented in the biomedical sciences are eligible for this program.

Applications accepted between August 15 and October 15, 2009.

For more information, visit www.niaid.nih.gov/labs/training/inro (

<https://www.hcfconnections.org/NETCOMMUNITY/page.redir?target=http%3a%2f%2fwww.niaid.nih.gov%2flabs%2ftraining%2finro&srcid=565&srctid=1&erid=416423>).

3. Open Houses

Michigan State University College of Human Medicine

Meet the College of Human Medicine:

FALL 2009 PREMEDICAL EVENTS

Friday, October 9th, 11:00am to 1:30pm

Friday, October 23rd, 1:30pm to 4:00pm

AGENDA

The Makings of a Great Applicant for MSU-CHM

Dr. Christine Shafer, Assistant Dean for Admissions

Panel and Q&A Session

Current CHM Students

Walk and Talk Time (Optional)

CHM Student Tour Guides

Opportunity for Individual Discussion (Optional)

Dr. Shafer

Letitia Fowler, MA, CHM Admissions Senior Counselor

Jay Bryde, CHM Admissions Officer

Both sessions will be held at the Radiology Building Auditorium on the MSU-CHM East Lansing Campus. Click HERE <<http://mdadmissions.msu.edu/main/directions.htm>> for directions and information about parking.

You must make a reservation to attend one of these events. To reserve an individual spot, send us an email <<mailto:chmapp@chm.msu.edu>> .Enter "RSVP" (without the quotes) in the subject line. Include your name, the name of the school you currently attend, and the date of the session you wish to attend in the body of your message. You will receive an email either confirming your attendance or notifying you that you have been placed on the waiting list.

Clubs and organizations may make a group reservation. To reserve space for a group, send us an email. <<mailto:chmapp@chm.msu.edu>> Enter "Group RSVP" (without the quotes) in the subject line. Provide the names of attendees, the group or organization's affiliated school, the date of the session your group wishes to attend the name and contact information of your group's premedical, faculty, or administrative advisor, and the name and position of the individual making the reservation. You will receive an email either confirming your group's attendance or notifying you that you have been placed on the waiting list.

The Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara

The Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara will be hosting several Mini-Student Information Sessions this upcoming semester. Information regarding our School of Medicine as well as the Medical Spanish course will be provided. Check out this link for dates and locations. Be sure to contact our office 1-800-531-5494, ask for Arturo Barriga should you have any questions. Thank you.

<http://www.uag.edu/medicine/sis/>

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Logan College of Chiropractic University Programs

Come experience a "Slice of Logan" – Saturday, October 3, 2009

Meet the President - President George Goodman, DC, FICC, and key administrators will greet you and meet with you during the Slice event

Financial Aid - Hear expert advice on financial aid and how to finance a very affordable Logan education.

Alumni Experience - Hear successful Logan Alumni speak about their experiences and practices.

Mock Adjusting Lab - Participate in a Mock Adjusting Lab led by Logan faculty members.

Student Panel - Current students share their experiences about Logan and why they chose the top chiropractic program in North America.

Campus Tour - See Logan's beautiful suburban campus including a tour of the state-of-the-art classrooms, BIOFREEZE Sports & Rehabilitation Center, Sports and Wellness Center and anatomy lab.

Sports Science and Rehabilitation Program - Learn about the newest part of the Logan education that integrates chiropractic, sports science and rehabilitation in a Master of Science degree program.

William D. Purser, DC Center - See this 47,000-square-foot multi-purpose facility that features a 1,500-seat main hall and an outdoor amphitheater.

We'll Even Provide the Hotel Room! – During your campus visit, Logan will provide one night's lodging to our out-of-town visitors as well as breakfast and lunch the day of the event. (Extra hotel nights can be arranged at Logan's corporate rate.) During Slice you will also receive a disposable camera to capture the event on film.

To Register:

Online- Go to www.Logan.edu and click on the Slice of Logan box on the homepage.

Phone – Call the Logan Admissions office (1-800-533-9210) and a friendly helpful staff member will make all the arrangements.

4. Service Opportunities

This December International Service Learning (ISL) is increasing teams to the countries we serve. We have teams for pre-medical and medical students traveling to the following locations:

Before Christmas (for quarter schools)

Dec. 5- 18 - Costa Rica/Nicaragua

Dec. 12-20 - Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Belize

Dec. 12-22 - Costa Rica/Nicaragua, Costa Rica

Dec. 13-21 - North Central Mexico

After Christmas (for semester schools)

Dec. 26- Jan. 3 - North Central Mexico

Dec. 26-Jan. 8 - Peru, Costa Rica/Nicaragua, Nicaragua, Belize, Costa Rica/Panama, Dominican Republic

Dec. 28-Jan. 17 - Tanzania

Join a team and become a very special Christmas gift for a child in need.

Please see December teams flyer for more information or visit our website at www.ISLonline.org.

Financial aid is available for all trips. Contact ISL about setting up a team and reducing your trip cost.

Our 2009-2010 Schedule is available on our website at www.ISLonline.org . Just click on Team Schedule. We have teams scheduled throughout the year.

If you have any questions please contact Pepper Tucker at Pepper@ISLonline.org.

5. Program Opportunities

Touro College School of Health Sciences

Touro College School of Health Sciences offers dual-degree programs in Physical Therapy (BS/DPT), Occupational Therapy (BS/MSOT), and Physician Assistant studies (BS/MS) plus a Master of Science program in Speech Language Pathology as well as Associate in Applied Sciences degree programs in Nursing and Occupational Therapy Assistant. A full slate of Pre-Requisite courses is offered to assist candidates to fulfill any missing requirements needed to enroll in the PA, PT and OT programs. Touro is a commuter college recognized for affordable tuition with locations throughout the New York metropolitan area which include Bay Shore, Mineola, Manhattan and Brooklyn.

6. Information for Current and/or Prospective Applicants by Area of Interest

Medicine

Kaplan Information

The "edge" is a magnified look at the sections of the MCAT that usually costs \$499! Kaplan is offering it for free until September 30th.

How does the Choose Your Edge promotion work?

MCAT students enrolling in comprehensive programs between 8/15/2009 and 9/30/2009 in the US and Canada will be able to choose and add any one of our three available MCAT Edge programs to their enrollment at no additional charge (choose from Physics, Organic Chemistry and Verbal Edge). Students may then add additional Edges at the time of purchase at a discounted price of \$299 per Edge program (\$200 off). Comprehensive products eligible include MCAT Classroom, MCAT Online, MCAT Tutoring, MCAT Live Online Classroom, MCAT Live Online Tutoring and MCAT SIP.

2010 MCAT Information

Registration for the January through May 2010 test dates will open in early November (exact date to be determined).

Marketing

Choose Your Edge Talking Points

All Edges

- Each Edge includes 8 online lessons (2.5-hours per lesson) that students can complete at their own time, and watch as many times as they would like.
- The Edges are different from our MCAT course materials but works in concert with them.
- Allow you to dig much deeper into the basics of the sciences and work up to MCAT level (where the course materials take over).
- An effective and convenient way to start studying for the MCAT before attending the first session of your course.
- A \$499 Value for FREE

Physics/Organic Edges

- Perfect for those who haven't taken physics in a while and need a strong college-level refresher.
- Great review for students taking a year off before testing and applying to schools.
- Designed for the Post-bacc-type student- where concentration and background may not have afforded him or her deeper knowledge of the basic sciences.
- Verbal Edge -Popular with students who have not taken English, comparative literature, or philosophy classes.

Verbal Edge

- Popular with students who have not taken advanced English, comparative literature, or philosophy classes in undergraduate studies.
- Helps dissect the strategy of tackling MCAT passage and their questions into individual manageable assignments.
- Strengthens students' understanding of assumptions, inferences and extraction of information on the MCAT.

How to apply for a Sallie Mae loan to help pay for your Kaplan course:

<https://www.slmfinancial.com/>

1. Click on: Students and Schools
2. Click on: Apply Now (Career Training Loan)
3. Click on: New York from the state drop down regardless of the state taking the class.
4. Select: Kaplan - New York 10018

For more information on any of the above, please contact:

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William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine

William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Hattiesburg, Mississippi received provisional accreditation from the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation last weekend and has joined AACOM. We are working to add them to the AACOMAS application service now and anticipate that applicants should be able to submit a designation for WCU COM by noon, Monday, September 21.

An online College Information Book page will be added to the AACOM www site at <http://www.aacom.org/people/colleges/Pages/default.aspx>

The college's own www site is at <http://www.wmcarey.edu/Academics/OsteopathicMedicine/1170/OsteopathicMedicine.shtm>

WCU COM is the twenty-sixth college of osteopathic medicine in the US.

The University of Queensland School of Medicine

The University of Queensland School of Medicine, ranked #32 in the world, has partnered with Ochsner Health System in New Orleans to create a program in which students spend 2 years in Australia at UQ and 2 years in New Orleans at Ochsner. 80 students are being accepted for January 2010 entry. Please contact us at 877-777-0155. (www.mededpath.org)

Podiatry

Any students interested in podiatric medicine, or anyone just wanting more information about what this field is all about can view a new "testimonial" video on YouTube. This summer, at the annual meeting of the American Podiatric Medical Association, APMA members and students were asked to tell us what they liked about this profession and how they came to choose it while in undergraduate college. We collected some of those answers and developed this outstanding and informative video.

The video is only three minutes long, but has some great information for your students. We encourage you to forward this link (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvDu7oeAzRE>) so that students can explore some of the exciting aspects of a career in podiatric medicine. In addition, we are currently finalizing another video specifically for students which will be available in early October.

For more information, or for questions about podiatric medicine, please contact us at APMA_assist@apma.org. We look forward to hearing from you and providing you with valuable resource materials.

-Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine

I wanted to inform you of internship opportunities here at OCPM for students looking into podiatry. I was unaware of the program and I think it could be beneficial for some students. It is only a week long program. Here is the website for the application and information regarding the internship. <http://www.ocpm.edu/?page=admission-internships> Please contact Aaron Berger aberger@ocpm.edu for more information.

-From Nathan Plaskey, an alumnus of GVSU and a current student at OCPM.

General

The Institute of International Education, which administers the Fulbright programs, among others, has a database, "Funding for U.S. Study," which may be of help to students: <http://www.fundingusstudy.org/SearchResult.asp?area=3&area2=10&area3=151>

They can because they think they can. -Virgil