

# CLAS Academic Advising Center

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## Pre-Professional E-Bulletin

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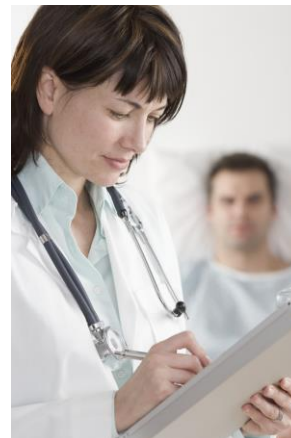
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The purpose of this newsletter is to share information that may be of interest to you. Posting this information does not mean that we endorse the organizations or services enclosed.

**If your organization has an event that you'd like to have included on the Pre-Professional E-Bulletin's Calendar of Upcoming Events, send an email to Kate Thome at [thomeka@gvsu.edu](mailto:thomeka@gvsu.edu). Please include date, time, location, the organization sponsoring the event, and a brief description.**

## Medical Scribes


The medical scribe profession is an emerging field that some medical school applicants are entering while in college or during a gap year. The benefits of being a medical scribe include gaining more experience in a medically-related environment, earning income to pay off loans, saving money for medical school, and shadowing physicians while working closely alongside them. Find out more in [this interview](#) with former medical scribe, Clay Downey. He explains what it was like and how it helped him in medical school!



# Calendar of Upcoming Events

## October

(Details for events are provided below this calendar)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>20</b> <b>Pre-SOMA Club Meeting</b> 9-10pm LOH 164  <b>Academic Stress</b> 5-6pm KC 2266	<b>21</b> <b>Pre-Dental Club Meeting</b> 9pm PAD 209  <b>Pre-Pharmacy Association Meeting</b> 9:00pm PAD 207  <b>Time Management</b> 5-6pm KC 2266	<b>22</b> <b>Pre-PA Club Meeting</b> 9pm LTT 101  <b>Dinner with 7 Lakers</b> 6:30pm Alumni House	<b>23</b> <b>Biomedical Science Social Night</b> 6:00-8:00pm MAN 107 & MAN 123  <b>There's an App for That</b> 5-6pm North C 142	<b>24</b>
<b>27</b> <b>Pre-Vet Club Meeting</b> 8:00pm PAD 261	<b>28</b> <b>UofM Med School Admissions Rep @ Pre-Med Club Meeting</b> 7-9pm LHH 132	<b>29</b> <b>Study Strategies That Work</b> 5-6pm North C 142	<b>30</b> <b>Health Care Experience</b> 4-6pm B-LL-126 MAK	<b>31</b> 
<b>3</b> <b>MSU EAP Info Session</b> 7pm D-1-135 MAK	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Majors Fair</b> 11am-2pm 2250 KC	<b>6</b> <b>Ace that Test</b> 5-6pm KC 2266	<b>7</b>

- **Academic Success Workshops:** Discover specific strategies for how to study most effectively. Study strategy and time management workshops are listed on the calendar above. For a full listing of workshops offered throughout the semester, [click here](#).
- **Dinner with Seven Lakers: October 22, 6:30pm, Alumni House**  
A great opportunity to network with alumni, faculty, staff and other professionals. You will be seated with 7 people from the same field of study to share ideas, stories, and advice for the future. [Register here](#).
- **Biomedical Science Night: October 23, 6:30-8:30pm, MAN 107 & MAN 123**  
Get to know the professors and other students in the BMS program. This is a great opportunity to discuss career and research interests with BMS faculty.

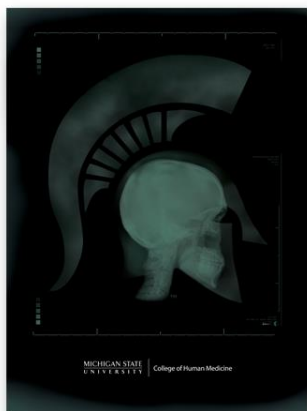
- **University of Michigan Medical School: October 28, 7:00pm, LHH 132**  
Interim Director of Admissions visits GVSU to give information on the admissions process.
- **Health Care Experience: October 30, 4:00-6:00pm, B-LL-126 MAK**  
Presentations and panel discussion by representatives from different careers in health care. Students interested in working in any health-related field are encouraged to attend.



## Program Announcements

### GVSU

- **MSU Early Assurance Program Info Session: November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm, D-1-135 MAK**



Through the Early Assurance Program, MSU College of Human Medicine grants early acceptance of admission to up to six endorsed Grand Valley students. We hope that you will consider applying for this special opportunity. If you are an undergraduate GVSU pre-medical student who is interested in practicing in an underserved area of medicine such as family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics or ob/gyn, you should consider applying. You must subscribe to the mission of MSU College of Human Medicine to meet the needs of patients, families and communities by providing medical care with respect and dignity with particular concern for and responsiveness to medically underserved populations and communities, including inner city and rural areas.

- **Majors Fair: November 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am-2:00pm, 2250 KC (Grand River Room)**  
Meet with academic department representatives, faculty, alumni, and advisors.

### Non-GVSU

- **West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science Research Conference: November 15, 9:00am, Van Andel Institute**

The eighth annual West Michigan Regional Undergraduate Science Research Conference features a keynote speaker and research posters presented by local undergraduate students. This is a great opportunity for undergraduate students to present their own research to a large and supportive group of scientists! [Register](#) by November 3<sup>rd</sup> to present and by November 15<sup>th</sup> to attend. [Learn more here.](#)



▪ **Save the Date! MSUCOM's 4th Annual "See the Sites" Open House:** Hosted at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine's Macomb & Detroit sites on November 1<sup>st</sup> and in East Lansing on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Participants may expect site tours, osteopathic manipulative medicine demonstrations, faculty-led workshops in medical sciences, case presentations, and panel discussions among the deans, alumni, and students. An RSVP is not required.

## Is Dentistry Right for You?

Do you like working with your hands, helping people, being creative and being a leader? Then you might make a great dentist!

While a career in dentistry may sound appealing to you, it is important that you are genuinely passionate about oral health—dental school and careers in dentistry are both very demanding, so it takes determined people to achieve success in pursuing their dreams. According to the American Dental Education Association, the best dentists see dentistry as their true calling and are constantly working to improve themselves and their abilities.

If you are interested in a career in dentistry, make sure to do some soul searching before plunging head first into the application process. Another great way to figure out if dentistry is right for you is to shadow a dentist or specialist. The experience will allow you to actually envision yourself doing what he or she does every day.

[Click here](#) for more great information on reasons to become a dentist, dental school demands, common personality traits on dentists and career options.

## Scholarship Opportunity

The James "Rhio" O'Connor Memorial Scholarship Fund is offering its \$10,000 scholarship again this year. Rhio O'Connor was diagnosed with a deadly cancer (mesothelioma) and given a year to live. Instead of giving up he found his own path to health and outlived his prognosis by more than six years. \$1000 will be awarded each month in this essay contest open to students presently enrolled in a U.S. college or university. For more information, to view writing prompts and request an application, visit: website: <http://www.cancermonthly.com/scholarship.asp> or email: [aelliott@cancermonthly.com](mailto:aelliott@cancermonthly.com)



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