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"The first step to leadership is servanthood"

~ John Maxwell

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2008 CHM SAGINAW CAMPUS MATCH RESULTS...

Congratulations to our seniors and best of luck in their new positions!!

Rehab Abdel-Kariem, Temple University-Emergency Medicine

Andrea Cziffer, Yale-New Haven Hospital, CT-Internal Medicine

Brett Ferguson, Children's Hospital of Michigan-Pediatrics

Tanya Pulver, Mayo Clinic (Rochester), General Surgery

Ankoor Soni, University Hospitals Case Medical Centers-Family Medicine

Samina Syed, University of Illinois (Chicago)-Internal Medicine

Saginaw Students participate in National Public Health Week...

On Tuesday, April 8, 2008, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine students joined the Saginaw County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) in encouraging individuals and families to change their daily behavior by participating in National Public Health Week 2008: "Climate Change: Our Health in the Balance". There is a direct connection between climate change and the health of our nation today. Yet few Americans are aware of the consequences of climate change on the health of our communities, families and children.

Among the goals of National Public Health Week 2008 was providing APHA communities across the country with the facts and tools to empower them to help ensure a healthy future for both people and the planet.

To help the SCDPH achieve this goal, the students helped in a blood pressure screening clinic as a part of "Weather and Your Health Day". The day also included information about vision health, dental care and the importance of diet and exercise. Patients were screened, and those identified at high risk were connected with resources for follow up care.

"There is a direct connection between climate change and our health," said Jayne Herringhausen, Community Resource Nurse at the SCDPH, "Today, as we support a healthier world, we're committing to changes in our own lives that will lead to a healthier climate in five important ways. We're encouraging Saginaw community members to pledge to be prepared and to travel, eat, live and work differently. These changes have the added benefit of making us healthier, too."

At the center of this week's event is the Healthy Climate Pledge, by which Americans across

the country and in Saginaw commit to making everyday changes to:

- Be Prepared
- Travel Differently
- Eat Differently
- Green Your Home
- Green Your Work

“The public health community has an important role to play in making the connection between the way we lead our lives, our impact on the planet, and the planet’s impact on our health,” said Dennis Montoya, CHM third year student, “It was great to be able to take some time away from our clinical duties and contribute to this important cause.”

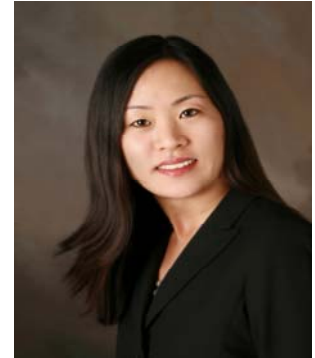
-Lisa McElroy, MS-III

4th year students inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society

The Arnold P Gold Foundation was founded to nurture and perpetuate the tradition of the caring doctor. The Gold Humanism Honor Society recognizes and supports medical students who show exceptional aptitude for compassion and competency in patient care, as well as being respectful and caring colleagues. The students were selected by their peers. The induction ceremony took place during the Graduate’s Retreat on Friday, April 4, 2008. Thanks to both Ankoor and Tanya for being wonderful advocates for humanism in medicine—personally, locally, nationally and for sure, in future practice.



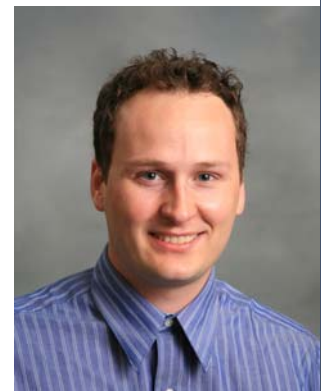
Ankoor Soni



Tanya Pulver

Conference on the Undefended Childhood in A Global Perspective

Sean Paul, 3rd year medical student at CHM, recently presented a case study entitled *A Case of Childhood Neglect in an Nicaraguan Immigrant Family Living in Costa Rica* at The Undefended Childhood in a Global Context April 3rd at the Kellog Center at Michigan State University. The multi-disciplinary conference was hosted by Michigan State’s School of Social Work and included international and national experts on the effects of HIV, poverty, violence, geo-political power struggles, war, traditional medicine, race and class, mental disease and illiteracy on children. Students are welcomed to participate next year in poster presentations. Please visit their website for more information: <http://undefendedchild.msu.edu/>



Transcripts...

Michigan State University Electronic Transcript Information

In addition to the traditional paper sent via U.S. Mail, official transcripts are now available in an electronic format.

The electronic transcript allows recipients to view the transcript on a secure website instead of waiting to receive paper via U.S. Mail.

The Process

Current and former Students submit a [transcript request](#) and select "electronic" as the delivery format. Students will provide the recipient's name and email address. Recipient mailing address is also required for verification purposes.

Student notifies the recipient that the transcript will be delivered electronically and that the recipient will receive an email with simple directions to view the transcript. The email will always come from rotran@msu.edu.

The University cannot control if a student or a recipient's email system marks the transcript emails as spam.

Within 1/2 business day, often less, the Office of the Registrar will process the order.

The recipient will be sent an email with a **secure access code** and a link to a **secure MSU website**.

The web site URL is: <http://www.reg.msu.edu/Transcripts/ETranscript.asp>. Recipients can also access the Electronic Transcript site from the [Office of the Registrar Home Page](#) by clicking on the "Transcripts" link.

Upon secure access code validation, the transcript will be presented in the Portable Document Format (PDF).

If needed, download the free [Adobe Reader](#).

ATTENTION GRADUATES!!!!

Congratulations on your success in medical school. This is an exciting and extremely busy time in your life. This newsletter includes some important dates and information to guide your planning for the next few months. Please take time to read carefully and adhere to the very strict deadlines. Please contact the Office of Student Affairs and Services (OSAS) if you have any questions at (517) 353-7140 or CHMStudentAffairs@chm.msu.edu.

This semester will culminate with many important events. Important dates for you to note are:

- May 5 Request for Special Seating and Handicap Assistance
- May 10 Commencement at the Wharton Center – Great Hall
- May 30 Family Congratulatory Messages and Family Yearbook Order due to OSAS

Commencement

Commencement will be held on **Saturday, May 10, 2008 beginning at 12:00 noon at the Wharton Center – Great Hall.** The ceremony will begin promptly at **12:00 noon**; however graduates need to arrive at the Wharton Center **no later than 10:00 a.m.** A continental breakfast will be served on the Upper Tier beginning at 9:30 a.m. The group graduation photograph will be taken promptly at **10:45 a.m.** Graduates must then return to the Upper Tier to begin lining up by community for the processional. **All students are required to be in academic apparel for Commencement.**

Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS)...

The VSAS is an AAMC application designed to streamline the application process for senior “away” electives at other U.S. LCME medical schools. This service requires students to submit just one application for all schools, effectively reducing paperwork, miscommunication, and time. VSAS also provides a centralized location for managing offers and tracking decisions.

All students should have received an email from the AAMC regarding the VSAS rollout by now. After selecting a username and password they can begin to use the service after April 15, 2008. Each MSU student was given 10 authorizations to start with. Once they log in, complete their profile and certify, they may begin using VSAS. There is no specific student manual, but students can visit the following links for helpful instructions and information on using VSAS:

<http://www.aamc.org/programs/vsas/studentquickstart.pdf>

<http://www.aamc.org/programs/vsas/students/start.htm>

Core Competency Schedule

04/02/08 Cultural Competency I, Anthony Taylor – conf. room 410
04/09/08 Cultural Competency II, Anthony Taylor – conf. room 410
04/16/08 Virtuous Physician, Dr. Mary Jo Wagner – conf. room 410
04/23/08 Exam Week – no core comp session

Save the Date...

Incoming Year III (class of 2010) CHM Medical students will be joining us on April 17, 2008, for a meeting with their mentors - Dr. Mary Jo Wagner and Dr. Thomas Veverka.



Please join us in wishing a happy and prosperous birthday to the following CHM Students:

Brett Ferguson, MS-IV, 14th

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April 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
					Graduates	
					Retreat	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Student Meeting	Mentor Meeting		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Scholarship Banquet			
27	28	29	30			
	Break	Break	Break			