



# Saginaw E-Newsletter

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## **Thank you Saginaw!!**

We would like to thank the Saginaw community for the extreme generosity that was shown in support of Michigan State University's Leadership in Medicine for the Underserved Program. The third and fourth year MSU College of Human Medicine students visited Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and El Salvador to work with the international organization, FIMRC- Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children. We spent 6 weeks at clinical sites working with the local community health centers in providing basic medical care, public health services, and medical supplies to the underserved populations in the area.

The products and donations provided to us by the Saginaw community were utilized in many different ways and every donation was appreciated. With the monetary donations, the fourth year students were able to build an incinerator for a clinic in Nicaragua where they had previously been burying all medical waste behind the clinic. This new incinerator will help clinic dispose of their medical waste in a more efficient and environmentally friendly manner.

Many of the medical supplies gathered were used in Costa Rica. The third year MSU medical students spent four weeks learning from the amazing people of Costa Rica. Each week they were stationed at a different location, ranging from areas where local Nicaraguan immigrants lived, to a temporary shelter where families displaced by the recent earthquake were residing. In each area, the students were able to share the goodwill of the Saginaw community by their outreach and services, and the students were able to enjoy the hospitality of the people they served.

All donated supplies were given to the FIMRC organization where they will be used at the local clinics in Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Nicaragua.

**-Donna Tyungu, MS-III**

Once again, THANK YOU SAGINAW for all contributions that helped to make our trip such a successful one! Special thanks to:

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*"Mountaintops inspire leaders but valleys mature them"*

*-Winston Churchill*

*This newsletter contains:*

1. *Thanks Saginaw!*
2. *2009 Match Results*
3. *Commencement information*
4. *Birthdays*
5. *April Calendar*





Come hear all about the International Medicine experiences of third year students who traveled to El Salvador/Nicaragua & Costa Rica, and fourth year student, Pete Byers, who traveled to the Bumwalukani Clinic in Uganda, and enjoy an a delicious mid-afternoon meal...Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 3 p.m. in room 410. Please rsvp to [bhinds@synergymedical.org](mailto:bhinds@synergymedical.org) by Friday, May 1, 2009 so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

## 2009 CHM Saginaw Match Results...

**Peter Byers – Emergency Medicine – Eastern VA Med School-VA**  
**Elizabeth Egle – Family Medicine – Providence Hospital - MI**  
**Jonathan Egle – General Surgery – Providence Hospital - MI**  
**Alisha Floyd – Pediatrics – Children’s Hospital-Orange Co-CA**  
**Neil Malhotra – Emergency Medicine – Synergy Medical Education Alliance**  
**Lisa McElroy – General Surgery – Med College Wisconsin Affil Hospitals**  
**Dennis Montoya – Emergency Medicine – U Florida COM - JAX**  
**Sean Paul – Psychiatry – St. Luke’s-Roosevelt-NY**  
**Nathan Woolsey – General Surgery – UC San Francisco-Fresno-CA**

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



## Commencement

Commencement will be held on **Saturday, May 16, 2009 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.**

Your guests are encouraged to arrive 45 minutes before the program. Doors will open for seating promptly at 11:15 a.m. If you would like information on special seating for handicap assistance, please contact the Office of Student Affairs and Services at [CHMStudentAffairs@chm.msu.edu](mailto:CHMStudentAffairs@chm.msu.edu).



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

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Palm Sunday					Good Friday	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Easter			Student Meeting			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
	Break	Break	Break	Break		