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WELCOME NEW MS-III

As the end of June approaches it is time to welcome the new MSU arrivals to Saginaw. In past years the number of students has hovered around eight to ten. This year we are pleased to greet fifteen new faces. All this new energy and talent will enable the goals and plans that have been set out by previous participants in the Leadership in Medicine for the Underserved to blossom. These new third year medical students bring a wealth of different backgrounds and experiences to Saginaw. There are people who have studied some of the more traditional disciplines, such as biology, biomedical engineering and physiology, but there are also students with undergraduate degrees in psychology, linguistics and sociology. Undoubtedly, this variety will bring a huge asset when dealing with the myriad problems faced by the underserved population.

The breadth of service work completed by these students is astounding. There are numerous people who have spent time in Mexico, teaching students, helping with surgical missions and medical clinics. Nevertheless, Mexico is hardly the tip of the iceberg. Some students have volunteered at aids clinics in Thailand, taught first grade in Honduras, built latrines in Oaxaca and worked in substance abuse clinics for aborigines. Of course, impoverished and marginalized populations also exist here in the United States and volunteers have worked with underserved children in Baltimore, worked as labor coaches for low-income Asian women in California and even volunteered as a hospital musician.

All of the fourth year students would like to extend a warm welcome to the students who will be arriving. Not only will the Synergy medical organization benefit from having such committed, gifted people at the hospitals, but Saginaw's underserved/vulnerable population will gain much needed services and education.

-Tyler Willson, MS-IV

CHM Saginaw Class of 2011:

**Sukhveer Bains
Joshua Boys
Alan Cantillep
Jessica Chun
Boramee Douk**

**Emily Greenberg
Melvin Ku
Karyn Ledbetter
Sarah Lindsay
Madonna Lee**

**Melissa Silverman
Colleen Skay
Seema Varghese
Sara Weldon
Angela Pham**

"Keep away from people who belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great"

-Mark Twain

This newsletter contains:

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ACEP honors one of our own....



The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Award for Outstanding Contribution in Education is presented to an ACEP member who has made a significant contribution to the educational aspects of the specialty. Dr. Mary Jo Wagner, EM Residency/Program Director is the 2009 recipient of this award.

The nominees should have made outstanding contributions to academic emergency medicine. Examples include: advancement of emergency medicine through educational activities, truly outstanding teacher who has made a major educational impact on the specialty, development of teaching tools (books, other publications, audiovisuals, teaching approaches), outstanding role in emergency medicine resident education, and dedicated commitment to and action toward high-quality emergency medicine education. Dr. Wagner certainly is deserving of this award and we congratulate her on the remarkable contributions that she has made to the world of Emergency Medicine.

Absence from Clerkships...

Just a reminder that if you are absent from your clerkship, you are responsible for notifying the following people:

**Clerkship Coordinator/Secretary
Preceptor
Assistant Dean's Office**

Failure to contact the appropriate people is unprofessional behavior and could be reflected in your final clerkship letter. There is an excused absence request form that will need to be filled out. You have all received an electronic copy of the form. You can also contact Bridget Hinds or the appropriate clerkship administrative assistant for the form.

If you need to request time off from a clerkship, you will also need to fill out an excused absence form. This form should be submitted to the appropriate clerkship director or preceptor. All time off must be made up.

Excused or unexcused absences of more than 5 days in an 8 week clerkship or 2.5 days in a 4 week clerkship could result in the failure of the clerkship.

Away Electives...

Students planning to do away electives must have final approval from the department at Main campus prior to the start of the clerkship. In-system electives are taken either at your home campus or one the other MSU-CHM community campuses and are arranged through your community assistant dean's office. Off campus electives are taken outside of the MSU-CHM system. Off-campus requests must be submitted to the community administrator and be accompanied by a complete an inter campus/off campus request form along with the following items:

1. A copy of the approval letter
2. A description of the elective

This information will then be sent to the appropriate MSU department for final approval. You may not begin an away elective until this process has been completed. All required paperwork must be on file in advance of the clerkship.

ERAS 2010 Timeline for Allopathic Schools

Date	Activity
June 2009	Schools will begin receiving Dean's Office Workstation kits (DWS) and applicants will have access to their user guide online. Schools may begin generating and distributing tokens to applicants as soon as software is installed.
July 1, 2009	MyERAS Web site opens to residency applicants to begin working on their applications.
August 2009	Residency programs will begin receiving their Program Director's Workstation kits (PDWS).
September 1, 2009	Schools, ECFMG, NBME and NBOME may transmit residency supporting documents. Residency programs may begin contacting the ERAS PostOffice to download application files.
November 1, 2009	MSPEs are released at 12:01 a.m.*
December 2009	Military match results are available.
January 2010	Urology match results are available.
March 2010	NRMP Match results are available, beginning at 1pm. Scramble.
May 31, 2010	ERAS PostOffice will close to prepare for the ERAS 2011 season.
July 1, 2010	Residency training begins.

Senior students are beginning the process of applying for Residency programs. Just a few pointers to assist in making this a smooth and error free process.

1. Please understand that it is not necessary that you have everything in before completing and sending your ERAS application. If you are waiting to figure out who will be writing your letters of recommendation (LOR) that is not necessary. You can go in and enter LOR's and add the names of the letter writers later, so please don't let that hold you up.

2. If you are applying to very competitive programs you need to get your application done as soon as possible. Programs are able to begin viewing your applications on September 1st, so you should at least have your application and personal statement done by then. It may also be helpful to have one or two letters of recommendations in by then also. Be sure you find out the correct LOR requirements from each program that you are applying to. **It is your responsibility to follow up with letter writers, and confirm that LOR's reach my office in time to meet program deadlines.**

3. Do not request your transcripts until after October 1. Hopefully, all of your grades from Year III will be posted by then (check online first). I also need a photograph to scan into ERAS for you. If you would like for me to use your hospital ID photo, just let me know.

ERAS 2010 processing fees. These fees are:

1 – 10 Programs, \$65 (includes initial application fee)
11-20 Programs, \$8 each
21-30 Programs, \$15 each
31 or more Programs, \$25 each

We suggest that you make a copy of your ERAS application for your records. This information might be useful to you if you choose to apply to a fellowship program after residency.

NRMP 2010 Timeline

August 15, 2009 – Applicant registration begins at Noon Eastern Time
November 30, 2009 – Applicant registration deadline without paying an additional late fee of \$50

January 15, 2010 – Rank Order List Entry begins

January 31, 2010 – Program Quota Change Deadline

February 24, 2010 – Late Registration deadline. Rank Order Lists closes at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

March 18, 2010 – Match Day

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. 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](#).

Core Competency Schedule

06/03/09 Cultural Competency II, Anthony Taylor – conf. room 410-Yr. III

06/10/09 Virtuous Physician, Dr. Mary Jo Wagner, conf. room 410

06/17/09 CPR #3 parts 1 & 2, Dr. Rae Schnuth – conf. room 410

06/24/09 EXAM WEEK – NO CORE COMP SCHEDULED

Universal Precaution/BBP Training...

You are required to complete the blood borne pathogen training module every year. Please go to the website listed below to register and complete the training module by June 30, 2009. You will need your pilot id and password to enter the site. Please forward proof of completion of the module to me when you are finished.

<http://vu.msu.edu/preview/orcbs/>



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

No June Birthdays

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June 2009

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