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Congratulations to the CHM Saginaw Community class of 2008!

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other"

~ John F. Kennedy

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Front row: Ankoor Soni and Samina Syed. Back row: Tanya Pulver, Brett Ferguson, Andrea Cziffer and Rehab Abdel-Kariem

Dr. Ibrahim selected as Full-time Clinical Faculty Award winner from Saginaw...

Each year the current graduating class is charged with selecting one full-time and one volunteer faculty member who they feel deserves recognition for their excellent teaching. The class of 2008 selected Dr. Ali Ibrahim, Psychiatry Department Clerkship Director and Dr. Brian Perry, Surgery Department volunteer faculty (Valley ENT Associates) for this special recognition. The recipients were recognized at the CHM Commencement Ceremony on May 10, 2008.



Samina Syed, Brett Ferguson, Dr. Ibrahim, Ankoor Soni and Rehab Abdel-Kariem

Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement 40th anniversary celebrates past, present, future

By Carla Hills
University Outreach and Engagement

In 1968, a gallon of gas was 34 cents, "60 minutes" on CBS began its reign as the longest-running prime-time television news magazine and the Grammy-winning album was "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" by the Beatles. It was also a year of turmoil, unrest and change for the United States. The Civil Rights movement, the Vietnam war, the war on poverty, the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy, and the emotional 1968 presidential election all contributed to what some historians call a pivotal change in public attitudes and beliefs. And within this framework, MSU established the Office of Volunteer Programs, with the belief that MSU students could make a difference "at home."

Forty years later, the modern-day descendant of that initiative is the Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement, the oldest, continuously operating service-learning center in the country.

In the 1970's, the objective was to view voluntary service as purposeful, planned and reciprocal contributions to the community for the public good, rather than simply as volunteerism.

In the early 1990's, student leaders sought to revitalize student activism and action in response to the so-called "me generation" and created the MSU Campus Outreach and Opportunity League, which resulted in popular programs such as Alternative Spring Break, Into the Streets and Martin Luther King Day of Service.

An official 40th anniversary celebration of MSU's commitment to service-learning and civic engagement was held in April. In addition, the annual MSU Curricular Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Awards, recognized 13 faculty members representing 11 of the University's 17 degree granting colleges and presented "Forty Years in the Academy: Service-Learning's Pioneers, Programs and Promise" speaker series, featuring internationally recognized service-learning scholar Dwight Giles Jr. of the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

Among the 2008 Service Learning award winners from the College of Human Medicine: Rae L. Schnuth, PhD., Associate Professor and Community Assistant Dean-Saginaw Campus!!



Mortgaging our Future – Medical Education...

On May 7 the current 3rd - year Michigan State University medical students attended a financial aid meeting with fellow classmates at the MSU-Flint campus to review our debt. The meeting reviewed the amount we owe now, projected debt, and how to go about managing our debt during residency. The meeting was very informative and incredibly sobering. At the moment I am projected to walk away with a total of \$235,296 in loans upon completing my medical education. Note the figure excludes

interest.

It could've been worse. At the moment tuition for out-of-state first-year medical students at MSU is \$40,594 for fall/spring and \$20,297 for summer. That combines for a total of \$60,891 for tuition alone per year. Current in-state tuition for first-year students is \$18,764 for fall/spring and \$9,337 for summer combining for a total of \$28,101 for tuition alone per year.

Despite my considerable loans I consider myself fortunate to have been accepted to the MSU-Saginaw campus. Here I double as a graduate student assistant and help pave the way for the future of the MSU-Saginaw campus Leadership in Medicine for the Underserved/Vulnerable Program. Aside from balancing medical school responsibilities the MSU students here also volunteer in the community in a variety of ways with activities ranging from helping out at a local soup kitchen to helping young students with their homework at the YMCA. As a graduate student assistant MSU has granted me in-state tuition for my 3rd and 4th year in addition to a monthly stipend and travel expense coverage to Costa Rica where we work out of a FIMRC clinic and provide healthcare to a Nicaraguan refugee pediatric population in Alajuelita, Costa Rica. Had it not been for the program my education would have easily gone beyond the \$300,000 mark.

-Dennis Montoya, MS-III

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](#).

Core Competency Schedule

05/07/08 Debt Management & Financial Planning, Diane Batten – Flint Campus
05/14/08 Antimicrobial Therapy, Dr. Elfatih Abter – conf. room 410
05/21/08 Successful Interviewing techniques, Dr. John Molidor – Flint Campus
05/28/08 Health Care Disparities, Dr. Elaine Gunn – GFC rm. 201

Save the Date...

Michigan State University College of Human Medicine

Presents:

2008 Career Day & Residency Fair

Friday, May 30th, 2008

8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Hawk Hollow Golf Club Conference Center

15101 Candler Road

Bath, Michigan

17th Annual

Synergy Medical Education Alliance

Research Day

May 20, 2008

St. Mary's Education Center



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

Alisha Floyd, MS-III – 27th
Jonathan Egle, MS-III – 31st

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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