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LCME Site Visit

GOOD NEWS FROM LCME SITE VISITORS

Aron Sousa, MD
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

We have a preliminary report from the LCME site team and it is very good. The team had an excellent visit and was especially complimentary of the students and faculty, as well as the team that orchestrated the team's visit for the Dean's Office: Myrna Simms, Lisa Galbavi and Marie Monroe, and everyone in Fee Hall who made the visit itself so smooth. Well over a hundred people in all campuses made this possible--staff and faculty in each campus and each department and each administrative office who worked on data, wrote database entries, and fit their schedules to meet the needs of the LCME team.

The team found a large number of strengths for the College, including:

The College vision and the consensus we have built around it.

*Dean Rappley--
They praised her support for the educational program, and
Her success in creating new opportunities and partnerships for the College, including the
expansion of the College.
College leadership at Associate/Assistant Dean, Chair and Senior Faculty level--for taking on
new initiatives with dedication and commitment.*

Junior Faculty--for a "remarkable" relationship with students.

Students--for the richness of their dedication and passion for medicine.

The learning and teaching environment for faculty and students.

The administrative commitment and efforts of all those in Academic Affairs.

*Successful incorporation of the ACGME competencies into learning objectives as a strength of
the College (SCRIPT).*

*Strength of the community campuses and their commitment to CHM and the educational
program.*

The mentoring and faculty development program.

We have five citations--four of which we knew would be an issue, and one is a technicality that will be easily fixed. These are the effectiveness of career planning in some communities, the resources available from the University for financial aid (the people we have are wonderful but too few), high student debt influencing career choice, unevenness of scholarly activity across departments, and a technical issue with our bylaws concerning admissions.

There are four areas of "transition." These are areas for which the LCME will want follow up either in writing or as part of an interim site visit. We expect the LCME to return to see our progress in hiring and faculty development in Grand Rapids, the number of faculty in Pathology and Ob/Gyn, the College's financial resources, and the College's implementation of conflict-of-interest policies. These were also areas about which we have remained in close contact with LCME for the past two years.

*"How far you go in life
depends on your being
tender with the young,
compassionate with the
aged, sympathetic with the
striving and tolerant of the
weak and strong. Because
someday in your life you
will have been all of these."*

**George Washington
Carver**

*This newsletter
contains:*

1. *Saginaw
Campus
Updates*

We will get more formal reports from the LCME that have greater detail, and this is only a preliminary report to the full LCME committee. But this is an excellent report and we are proud of this accomplishment.

THANKS TO ALL

Special Thanks to Aron Sousa, Myrna Simms, Lisa Galbavi and Marie Monroe, as well as more than 100 faculty and 40 students who participated over the past five days, and approximately 120 faculty and the many students who participated in the self study preparation. I was proud to describe our vision to the site visit team, and felt affirmed when they noted this a compelling vision for which CHM is uniquely poised to achieve.

Please share in my gratitude and pride for the College of Human Medicine.

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Saginaw Campus Updates

Congratulations to Dr. Patricia Obando....

It gives me great pleasure to announce Dr. Patricia Obando, Assistant Professor as our new Director of Medical Education for our Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology (.5 FTE). Dr. Obando, a native of Costa Rica, obtained her Ph.D. in Biological Anthropology from the University of Colorado. She has substantial experience in the area of substance abuse research and prevention. As part of her DME duties, she will also be overseeing the Health Disparities Module of the Core Competency Course (including health disparities and cultural competency) as well as teaching courses in the preclinical curriculum.

She has been with MSU for the last two years, in several capacities in our Dean's office as well as in Saginaw. She will continue in the role of Manager of Research for the Synergy Corporation, Saginaw for the other .5 FTE of her position.

We are excited about the expertise that Dr. Obando brings to our department.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Obando to our Department.

Harry J. Sauer, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.

Associate Professor and Acting Chair

Michigan State University

Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology

Main Campus Updates

New RESEARCH Listserv!

The CHM Office of Research has just launched the CHM-Research Listserv for students, residents and faculty and encourages you to subscribe to it. It will be used as a major form of communication about anything related to research. Subscribers can post questions, research opportunities, and announcements; highlight research accomplishments; request research assistance; make suggestions to the Office of Research; and so forth. To subscribe, either send a request to Clare Luz at luz@msu.edu or go to <http://list.msu.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=chm-research&A=1> and follow the instructions. It's a good way to stay on top of what is happening with research in CHM. We are now accepting abstracts for presentations. Students can go to the website at <http://gmei.msu.edu/> and follow the instructions for submitting their application online

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Core Competency Information

November Core Competency schedule is as follows:

11/1/06 – Occupational Medicine/Environ. Exposure/Lung Disease - Flint

11/8/06 – Occupational Medicine/Musculoskeletal Disease - Flint

11/15/06 – Critical Analysis – Dr. Obando at Synergy Main, rm. 410C

11/22/06 – Thanksgiving Week – No Core Comp scheduled

11/29/06 – Critical Analysis – Dr. Obando at Synergy Main, rm. 410C

Save the Date

MSU WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

"Woman By Chance, Leader By Choice".

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! Registration packet is available at

www.wrc.msu.edu/wild

Registration is now open and will end Nov. 3 or sooner if full!

It is that time again! The 4th annual MSU Women's Leadership Conference is right around the corner. We want all of you to share in the excitement and help us recruit the best participants we can find! The target audience is MSU women students, but the conference is open to all!

The event will take place Sunday November 12, 2006 from 1:30pm-7:30pm at the MSU Union. Registration is \$10 for members of the MSU community (\$20 for general public). Participants receive conference materials, a t-shirt and dinner. In addition, there are 21 program workshops, Keynote Speaker Carlotta Walls LaNier (a former Spartan, community leader and the youngest member of the Little Rock Nine), a Student Keynote Speaker and so much more! This year's theme is "Woman By Chance, Leader By Choice".

The conference sold out the past two years, so we suggest you register early! A registration packet is available at www.wrc.msu.edu/wild. Hard copies are available at the Women's Resource Center (332 MSU Union), the Multicultural Center, the ASMSU Business Office and the Student Life Office.

The MSU Women's Leadership Conference is sponsored by: the Women's Initiative for Leadership Development, the Department of Residence Life, Department of Student Life, MSU Women's Resource Center and the University Activities Board. For more information visit www.wrc.msu.edu/wild or call 353-1635.

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"On the road to success, make sure you enjoy the ride."

Excellence in Diversity Awards Program at MSU

Nominate MSU students, faculty and support staff either individuals, teams, units and campus organizations for the EIDA for (3) \$2,500 to individuals and up to (3) \$2,500

cash awards to TeamsArt Awards: Students at MSU are invited to participate in the "Students Making A difference through Artistic Expression" Contest which also has up to (3) \$2,500 cash awards available.

Go to the site: www.diversity.msu.edu for forms and information.

Fellowship Opportunities....

The CDC Experience one year fellowship for interested medical students and faculty involved in preventive medicine, community health and family practice, pediatrics, and primary care internal medicine. Each year 8 competitively selected medical students from around the country spend 10-12 months at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. At CDC they gain in in-depth understanding of applied epidemiology, the role of epidemiology in medicine and health, and the role of physicians in the public health system. With the guidance of experienced CDC epidemiologist, they perform epidemiologic analysis and research, design public health interventions and assist in field investigations. Possible areas of concentration include birth defects, injury prevention, chronic disease, infectious disease, environmental health, reproductive health and minority health. Posted: 10-13-06

Learn more and apply: www.cdcfoundation.org/thecdcexperience
cdcexperience@cdcfoundation.org
call: 404-498-6151

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Medical Student Research Fellowship Award

Application deadline is Wednesday, January 10, 2007

The Sarnoff Fellowship Program offers research opportunities for outstanding medical students to explore careers in cardiovascular research. Applicants must be enrolled in accredited US medical schools. Sarnoff Fellows conduct intensive work in a research laboratory for one year. Prior research experience is not required.

Benefits Fellows receive include: \$25,000 Stipend; Funds up to \$7,000 for travel to select a Preceptor & Fellowship laboratory, moving expenses, health insurance and computer equipment. Funds to attend Sarnoff Annual Scientific meetings, American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, and NIH Clinical Investigator Student Trainee Forum; travel funds to present a paper at two national conferences, based on Fellowship research.

For more information: Dana Boyd, Executive Director Sarnoff Cardiovascular Research Foundation, Phone: 703-759-7600- or 1-888-4SARNOF. Email: info@SarnoffFoundation.org
<http://www.sarnoffFoundation.org>

See posting of flyer on Student Affairs Bulletin Board outside the mailboxes.

UNCF-Merck Science Initiative

2007 Initiative Research Scholarships & Fellowships (from \$35K to \$85K) for 37 outstanding African American students per year, 15 undergraduates, 12 graduate, 10 postdoctoral levels to be awarded. In addition, the UNCF-Merck Science Initiative may provide grants to the science departments of the fellowship recipients' home institution in most cases. Applications to be submitted on line at www.uncf.org/merck Brochures available in the OSAS information slots for more detailed information. **Applications deadline December 15, 2006.**

Any questions call Dr. Jerry L. Bryant of the United Negro College Fund at 703-205-3503

MS-IV Information

NRMP 2007 Timeline

August 15, 2006, - Applicant registration opens
December 1, 2006, - Applicant registration deadline
January 15, 2007 - Rank Order List Entry begins
January 31, 2007 - Program Quota Change Deadline
February 21, 2007 - Late Registration deadline & Rank Order Lists closes at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time
March 15, 2007 - Match Day

ERAS Information

ERAS 2006 processing fees. These fees are:
1 - 10 Programs, \$60
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

Applying for Graduation

You must apply for graduation. If you will be meeting graduation requirements during spring or summer semester 2007, you'll need to complete an on-line graduation application at www.reg.msu.edu no later than Friday, January 12, 2007. If you are unsure about which semester to apply, please contact Bridget Y. Hinds, as there are specific deadlines for meeting graduation requirements. Thank you.



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

No November Birthdays

November 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 All Saint's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day MSU Holiday	24 MSU Holiday	25
26	27	28	29	30		