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MSPE UPDATE...

MSPE letter drafts are in the works for all senior students. We hope to have them distributed by the end of the second week in October. Relax, and remember that these are **drafts**, not perfect copies ready for print. You will need to review your draft and do one of two things:

1. If you are satisfied with the letter, sign the front page and return it to Bridget, or send an email message (bhinds@synergymedical.org) stating that you approve of the letter as written.
2. If you have questions or concerns about the content of your letter, please make an appointment with Dr. Schnuth and Bridget Hinds as soon as possible, so we can review the letter with you.

Before reviewing your letter, you may want to review the MSPE Letter Rating criteria that was included with the draft, as well as copies of your past grade letters and evaluations. Also, remember that no letters will be release prior to November 1, 2007.

Student Meeting...

The next student meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 2:00pm in room 410. If you have any particular items that you think need to be discussed, please email Bridget Hinds (bhinds@synergymedical.org) or Dr. Schnuth (Rae.Schnuth@chm.msu.edu).

Core Competency Information

September Core Competency schedule is as follows:

- 10/03/07 – No Core Competency session
- 10/10/07 – No Core Competency session
- 10/16/07 – Critical Analysis, Dr. Obando – rm. 410, 5pm-7pm. **(make-up session)**
- 10/17/07 – Critical Analysis, Dr. Obando – rm. 410
- 10/24/07 – Acid Base Disorders, Dr. Goldman – rm. 410
- 10/31/07 – Critical Analysis, Dr. Obando – rm. 410

USMLE Update...

The NBME is pleased to announce a significant enhancement for students to the process for reporting USMLE results. Beginning in mid-August 2007, students who registered for USMLE Step 1 or Step 2 CK/CS will be able to view, download, and print their score reports via the NBME Licensing Examination Services (NLES) website once results have become available. The opportunity for students to save their reports electronically should eliminate "snail mail" delivery issues and the need to request duplicate reports.

The students will receive an e-mail notification that their results are available and will be instructed to logon to NLES to obtain them. This will typically occur several hours prior to posting of results to the NBME Medical

"The first duty of society is to give each of its members the possibility of fulfilling his destiny. When it becomes incapable of performing this duty it must be transformed."

Alexis Carrel

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School Resource Site. During a transition period, we will continue to post results to the medical school website on or about 12:00 pm ET each Wednesday. Please note that when there is a larger than normal score release (e.g., when Step 2 CS results are first available from a specific testing period), the student e-mail notifications may be staggered throughout the day.

Scores will continue to be released on a weekly (Wednesday) schedule to both examinees and medical schools. More detailed information has been posted to the NBME website at <http://www.nbme.org/programs-services/medical-students/news-updates-details.html>.

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.

ERAS Information...

ERAS 2008 Timeline for Allopathic Schools

Date	Activity
Mid-June 2007	Schools will begin receiving Dean's Office Workstation kits (DWS) and applicants will have access to their manual online. Schools may begin generating and distributing tokens to applicants as soon as software is installed.
July 1, 2007	MyERAS Web site opens to residency applicants to begin working on their applications.
August 2007	Residency programs will begin receiving their Program Director's Workstation kits (PDWS).
September 1, 2007	Schools, ECFMG, NBME and NBOME can transmit residency supporting documents. Residency programs can begin contacting the ERAS Post Office to download application files.
November 1, 2007	MSPE's are released at 12:01 a.m.
December 2007	Military match results are available.
January 2008	Urology match results are available.
March 2008	Scramble. NRMP Match results are available, beginning at 1pm.

May 31, 2008	ERAS Post Office will close to prepare for the 2009 season.
July 1, 2008	Residents begin their training.

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 2008 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.

NRMP 2008 Timeline

- August 15, 2007 – Applicant registration begins at Noon Eastern Time
- November 30, 2007 – Applicant registration deadline without paying an additional late fee of \$50
- January 15, 2008 – Rank Order List Entry begins
- January 31, 2008 – Program Quota Change Deadline
- February 27, 2008 – Late Registration deadline
- Rank Order Lists closes at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time
- March 20, 2008 – Match Day

Transcripts

Senior students should wait until the first week in October to order transcripts. Check online to make sure all grades have been recorded through the end of summer semester. The cost is \$5. To order by phone: call (517) 353-4678 or (800) 496-4678; you will need to know your credit card number and expiration date.

To order by fax: (517) 432-3347 and provide your credit card number and expiration date.

To order by mail: send your request to MSU, Transcript Office, East Lansing, MI 48824. Please include check or credit car information.

To order by web:

<http://www.reg.msu.edu/StuForms/TranscriptRequest/Transcript.asp> Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express cards are accepted for web orders.

You must also provide your student name, student identification number or social security number, date of birth, and the complete address where it should be mailed. Please have a copy mailed to: Bridget Y. Hinds, Community Administrator, MSU/CHM Saginaw Campus, 1000 Houghton Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48602.

Applying for Graduation

You must apply for graduation. Please remember to submit a completed application by the first week of the semester you expect to complete your degree requirements. If you will complete your degree requirements during Summer, apply for Summer by the first week of Spring semester.

Both Spring and Summer applicants will be included in the Spring Commencement Ceremonies. For students with MSUNetId and Password, fill out the on-line graduation application form. For students without MSUNetId and Password, print and complete the hard copy graduation application form and fax or mail it to the Office of the Registrar.

You can find the application form at:

<http://www.reg.msu.edu/StuForms/GradApp/GradApp.asp>

Save the Date...

Student Council Annual Silent Auction

DATE: Sunday, October 14, 2007

DETAILS: Join us in the Radiology Building for an afternoon of fun at one of the biggest fundraising events for MSU-CHM students. Such funding allows students to organize health fairs and health awareness programs, free clinics, physician discussion panels, as well as additional wellness, service and educational and educational activities.

Contact: Carrie Fales, (989) 501-0895, falescar@msu.edu

Contact: Keegan Jackson, (906) 458-4766, jacks520@msu.edu

Contact: Meaghan Misiasz, (269) 492-8513, misiaszm@msu.edu

Synergy Medical Education Alliance Fundraiser

2nd Annual Casino Night

Saturday, October 27 @ 6:00pm

Horizons Conference Center

Halloween Theme - Costumes Optional

The Medical Education Department is selling admission tickets for the fundraiser. The evening will include dinner, games and money raffles. The donation for admission is \$45.

Proceeds from last year's "Casino Night" were used to support our international health initiatives. The International Health Program was able to assemble three teams which traveled to Central America in February, March, and April 2007. We were able to provide approximately eighteen physicians, nurses, residents, and students an opportunity to experience the healthcare system in another country along with helping approximately 1700 people of Guatemala and Belize.

The night's entertainment will include Black Jack, Craps, Roulette, and Texas Hold'Em. Also available throughout the night will be raffles, a 50/50 drawing, and grand prizes presented at the end of the night. We will also be selling money raffle tickets prior to the event.

If 200 money tickets are sold the prizes will be as follows:

First Prize \$2000

Second \$1000

Third \$500

Otherwise it will revert to a 50/50 raffle with the minimum prize of \$500

Guests will have an array of gourmet foods prepared fresh for them along with an assortment of delectable desserts and drinks. This year's theme will be a costumed event in celebration of Halloween. We would like to give our guests an opportunity to dress up for the big event in their favorite costumes. We strongly encourage you to invite family and friends to our "Casino Night".

Additional questions may be addressed to the Medical Education Department at 3-6821 or 3-6995.



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

October 2007

MSU/CHM Saginaw
Campus

Synergy Medical
Education Alliance

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Saginaw, MI 48602

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We're on the Web!

www.synergymedical.org

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Bridget Y. Hinds,
Community
Administrator

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Hunt Lecture	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Student Meeting 2pm-3pm	25	26	27 Casino Night
28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween			