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International Health Group Recognizes Dr. Rae Schnuth!

"No sensible decision can be made any longer without taking into account not only the world as it is, but the world as it will be."

Isaac Asimov

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Dr. Schnuth, Jocelyn Villafranca Barrantes (Paulette's mom) and Mary Dickey

Paulette was a victim of circumstances. She contracted meningitis. She developed a severe, often life-threatening complication called pupura fulminans. She was only 15, she was poor, and her family had few resources. The roof of her crowded home leaked right onto her bed, making the possibility of avoiding infections in her open wounds remote. Her home country, Costa Rica, had limited resources to address her medical needs. Paulette was running short on time and options, but the International Health Central American Institute (IHCAI, www.ihcai.org) managed to turn the bleak situation around and make it an opportunity for collaboration, growth, and humanitarianism.

IHCAI is an organization focused on reducing disparities in access to healthcare in Central America. When they asked Dr. Rae Schnuth (Saginaw Community Assistant Dean for MSU's College of Human Medicine), who is also passionate about addressing the needs of the underserved, to help Paulette, she

jumped at the opportunity. She and other volunteers coordinated by IHCAI worked together, first arranging for the young girl to receive a hospital bed, and eventually coordinating her transport to the United States on a private flight and arranging for her to receive care from Shriners Hospital. "I loved seeing how people, if they see there's a need, will work together," Dr. Schnuth said. "They make miracles happen. And it is a miracle Paulette lived."

Paulette Barrantes Villafranca did live. But the volunteers who worked so hard to make sure that happened were frustrated that they had met so many obstacles. Why was it so difficult to find a flight to bring an ailing child to the U.S.? Why was it so hard to work with governments to arrange care? Why was it almost impossible to coordinate an efficient use of resources that were already available? To tackle these roadblocks in the future, Children Without Borders was born.

Dr. Schnuth and others who helped with Paulette formed Children Without Borders (www.childrenwithoutborders.net). The organization is a group committed to providing supplies, equipment, expertise, and travel arrangements, when necessary, in order to deliver medical care to children with limited access to healthcare around the globe.

On July 27th, in recognition of Dr. Schnuth's hard work in Costa Rica, IHCAI Chairperson Dr. Mario Tristan and the Board of Directors presented her with the Academic Citizen of the Year award, a certificate accompanying a wood sculpture crafted by a local San Jose artist. Also honored were Mary Dickey of Batesville, IN the woman who is hosting Paulette while she was in the U.S., and Paulette herself, for having brought so many people together.

"I was really humbled to receive such an award," Dr. Schnuth said. "I mean, I feel like we all ought to be doing that sort of thing anyway." Meanwhile, IHCAI will host another group of MSU students in early 2008, and Children Without Borders continues to grow, with a major fundraising event planned in Batesville, Indiana on October 13, 2007.

Core Competency Information

September Core Competency schedule is as follows:

9/05/07 – International Travel, Gretchen Birbeck – rm. 410

9/12/07 – The Virtuous Physician, Dr. Wagner – rm. 410

9/19/07 – Critical Analysis, Dr. Obando – rm. 410

9/26/07 – 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 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>.

CHM Update...

On Sunday, August 26, 2007, the College of Human Medicine held the White Coat Ceremony for the entering class of 2007 at the Wharton Center. CHM admitted the largest class in our history as 156 new students began their first year on August 27, 2007. In addition to admitting the largest class, the incoming first year students have already been assigned to communities. We are looking forward to getting to know these students in the next two years as they complete Block I and Block II.

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.

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

September 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Teambuilding Event	11	12	13	14 IM Student Ed Day-EL	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Mentor Meeting 6pm	26 Student Meeting 2pm-3pm	27	28	29
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