ACADEMIC AFFAIRS Monday Monthly NEWS for September 30, 2013

Newsy Note: The MSU College of Human Medicine has begun working with a dedicated group of medical students with an interest in helping Michigan State University undergraduates pursue medical school admission. The goal is to connect current first and second year medical students with highly motivated MSU pre-medical students for one-on-one interaction. An online questionnaire has been developed for prospective pre-med students. Once they complete a few short questions they can then be matched with a current MSU CHM student that can relate with similar experiences. Once matched, CHM students are communicating with their mentee’s through e-mail, by phone, or in person to answer any questions that arise. This is an opportunity for undergraduate students to "pick the brains" of our current medical students and connect with someone on a peer-to-peer level.

If you would like to participate please call: Sarah Dionne, Block II student, dionnessa@msu.edu

LCME Accreditation Update: The LCME returns October 19-23, 2014, for our regular accreditation site visit. Using information submitted by departments, communities, and the education program, Self-Study subcommittees have begun meeting to flesh out the self-study itself. The co-chairs of the Independent Student Analysis are Bobbye Koning, Sonia Kumar and Hui Zhang. Drs. Jane Turner and David Solomon will serve as faculty advisors to the students.

For a description of the College’s SCRIPT educational competencies, go to http://lcme.chm.msu.edu/documents/script.html

More information about the accreditation can be found at http://lcme.chm.msu.edu/

Kudos: The Leadership in Medicine for the Underserved certificate program is in its third year at the Flint Campus. Under the leadership of Rae Schnuth, PhD, RN, the program has partnered collaboratively with the MSU College of Social Work’s MSW program based in Flint to assign LMU and MSW students to specific agencies in the community that serve underserved populations. This strategy allows students to work together to better understand and meet the needs of the community. Additionally, Hurley Medical Education, FAME, MSU College of Social Work, and U of M College of Social Work are conducting a day long Poverty Simulation event on October 18 where all third year medical students (LMU and non-LMU), residents/MD faculty, and social work students have the opportunity to experience what life is like with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress. We thank Dr. Schnuth for her vision and leadership!
**Someone You Should Know:** Francisco Velazquez joins MSU CHM Office of Admissions as Communications Manager and will help manage the department’s communications and related recruiting/marketing efforts. He graduated from MSU’s College of Journalism in 2008 and has experience working as a communications assistant for the Michigan State University Spartan Fund and as a Marketing Assistant with SMG Grand Rapids. Beyond his online work, he has experience working with both local and national promoters as well as local media to strategize and initiate promotional strategies. He was also an active contributor to the Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention/Arena Authority’s Community Inclusion Group (CIG). Mr. Velazquez started September 16 and will become a very “visible” person for admissions and will be in charge of seeking stories of interest to promote to future CHMers! Although he will primarily be stationed in East Lansing, Mr. Velazquez will travel to all CHM communities so that we can get the “scoop” on what’s going on! Please welcome Francisco Valezquez to the CHM family.

**Challenge:** Concerns about the categories of the special considerations for community assignments have been raised.

**Solution:** These concerns were brought to the Student Council, which reviewed and approved a revised set of guidelines for the granting of special consideration for community assignment. The approved categories for special consideration are:

1. Unique medical reasons
2. Commenced an educational program
3. Dependent child/children
4. Legal dependent/s
5. A partner admitted into a graduate or educational program
6. A partner with a job or contractual employment agreement
7. A partner currently enrolled in CHM and already assigned

**Student-to-Student Pearl:** Use the information available to you to maximize your performance, whether you are in Block 1, 2 or 3. After an exam, think through what parts of the test you did the best on, and what you need to spend more time mastering. Then adjust your study schedule. If there is a particular part of the physical examination or written record section that is especially hard, look at the resources like videos or lectures and review them, then practice! In Block 3, keep a list of things that are confusing on rounds and then make sure you get to these during your reading/study time.
**Patient Care Pearl:** Electronic cigarette usage is increasing among middle and high school students—the latest data suggests that 1.78 million students in that age range have tried e-cigarettes. E-cigarettes contain nicotine, propylene glycol or glycerol to aerosolize the contents, and flavorings. Irritants, genotoxins and animal carcinogens have been identified in some cartridges. The overall impact of e-cigarette use on public health remains uncertain, but the risk of nicotine addiction and the initiation of the use of conventional and other tobacco products needs to be explored.

**New Curriculum Update:** The “Early Clinical Experience Pilot” ended on August 16. The Curriculum Design Group met to discuss the program evaluation data obtained from that pilot during a half-day retreat on September 13. Conclusions and lessons learned will be shared widely among the students and faculty. Don’t forget that there is a New Curriculum website you can visit: go to [http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/](http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/)

Please join us on Thursday, October 24th at 5:15pm for a Curriculum Town Hall. The meeting will be video conferenced between East Lansing and Grand Rapids and broadcast on Mediasite.