HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you are transitioning well into the Spring 2015 semester after a well deserved break! Things are busy in the Premedical Programs Office as we move from our very successful Medical/Public Health Brigade to Nicaragua last week to preparing for a new application cycle for those students planning to matriculate to health professional school.

If you plan to apply to medical or dental school this year, DON’T MISS our application workshop on Jan 27 or 28 (your choice).

If you are looking for a summer opportunity, be sure to check out the summer experiences highlighted in this month’s newsletter.

If you are thinking about a career as a Physician Assistant, you will want to attend the first meeting of the new Pre-PA Student Organization on Jan. 28.

You’ll find info about all of these events inside the pages of the January 2015 Newsletter!

Best wishes,

Dr. Scheltens
If you are interested in applying to a medical school, dental school or other health professional school in the coming year, you should attend one of two workshops to be held on Jan. 27 at 5 pm and Jan 28 at 5:45 p.m. (note time change on the 28th) in the Science Center auditorium (SC 114). Because the same material will be covered on both days, you only need to attend one. The workshop will cover information to help you prepare for the application process, including the process for getting your letters of evaluation.

Students who intend to apply to a health care professional school (medicine, dentistry, veterinary, optometry, etc.) and who are planning service or research experiences this summer may be eligible to apply for a grant to help with expenses. The grants were established through a gift from the estates of Dr. Stephen E. and June H. Szabo. Applicants must be registered with the Premedical Programs Office, be active within Premedical Programs, and be advised by one of the designated premedical advisors. Previously funded projects include international breakout and immersion trips as well as research projects both on and off campus. See the Premedical Programs website at https://www.udayton.edu/artssciences/academics/premedical/oaagrants.php for details about the application process. Proposals are due to the Premedical Programs office by February 13, 2015.

Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and Mercy Grandview Medical Center will be holding a Pre-med Reception on Tuesday, February 17th at the Grandview Medical Center OU Education Building Auditorium from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. John Schriner, Ph.D., Assistant dean of Admissions at OU-HCOM, will be speaking about the OU-HCOM admissions process. Year three and four OU-HCOM medical students will be there to answer questions and to speak about their experiences as medical students. Medical education staff and physicians from Grandview Medical Center will also be on hand to answer questions and provide insight. The address is 405 West Grand Ave., Dayton, OH 45405.

Please RSVP by emailing Michael Rice at ricem@ohio.edu by February 10.

The Summer Scholars Program at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine offers a five week glimpse of medical school for underrepresented, or educationally or economically disadvantaged students. Students will take courses taught by OU-HCOM faculty including gross anatomy (with cadaver dissection), histology, immunology, biochemistry, integrated biomedical sciences, an introduction to case based learning (CBL), and workshops dealing with the admission process, time management and many other experiences relevant to the medical school experience. Summer scholars receive room and board, a living allowance, travel expenses, and the potential for a guaranteed interview for the entering class at the medical school. The application deadline is March 1, 2015. More information and application materials can be found on the web site at http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/SummerScholars/

As a reminder, OU-HCOM also has a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program. See last month’s Premed newsletter or the SURF website at http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/Admissions/SURF.htm for more details about that program. The deadline for the SURF program is February 1, 2015.

The Cincinnati Children’s Research Foundations also sponsors a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program. Students interested in pursuing a career in biomedical research or medicine are encouraged to apply. Students in this program will assist research laboratory professionals during the summer with pertinent research and clinical activities. These summer fellowships are competitive for undergraduate students in their first, second, or third year of college who have at least a 3.0 GPA. See the website at http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/research/divisions/default/ for more information about the program and the application process. The application deadline is February 1, 2015 at 5 pm.

Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland offers a number of summer research opportunities including programs in biomedical research, HIV research, pediatrics, physiology, and biophysics. For more information and to see a complete list of programs offered this summer at CWRU, go to their web site at http://casemed.case.edu/admissions/research/summer_programs.cfm.

Improving Diversity in Optometric Careers (I-DOC) is an intensive three-day residential program that introduces participants to the profession of optometry. The purpose of I-DOC is to attract ethnically underrepresented minority undergraduate college students to careers in optometry. I-DOC provides hands-on activities in optics, ocular anatomy, and clinical optometry. Participants receive
and observe eye examinations and gain a better understanding of the importance of diversity in healthcare. Thanks to underwriting by Vision Service Plan, there is no registration fee for the program. Also, all meals, housing, and activities are included. Airfare will be covered up to $500 for successful applicants.

For more information, please visit: http://optometry.osu.edu/IDOC

ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

The Illinois College of Optometry is pleased to announce their annual summer program for underrepresented minority undergraduate students. The program is a weeklong experience (July 13-17, 2015) that will expose undergraduate students to the profession of optometry in a variety of settings. Participants will have the opportunity to meet and work with current optometry students, ICO Faculty & Staff, as well as practicing optometrists. Students will be housed at no charge in our Residential Complex. There is no cost to participate in this program. Participants are responsible for their travel expenses and/or transportation cost to and from ICO.

For more information, please visit: http://www.ico.edu/admissions/events-for-prospective-students/focus-on-your-future/.

ASPIRING DOCS NEW VIDEO SERIES

The AAMC has announced a new video series called “Ask a Med Student”, in which med students answer questions about their paths to medical school, what medical school courses are like, patient experiences, and more. You can see these videos on the AAMC web site at https://www.aamc.org/students/aspiring/inspiring-stories/405784/ask-medstudent.html. You can also send questions that you would like to see answered to aspiringdocs@aamc.org.

2015 UD & MVH HEALTHCARE SYMPOSIUM

The 2015 University of Dayton and Miami Valley Hospital Healthcare Symposium will be held Saturday, March 28 in John F. Kennedy Union. As in previous years, the symposium will include a morning session open to the medical community, a luncheon for students and professional attendees, and an afternoon student symposium geared specifically toward undergraduate students.

This year the symposium will again include a poster session. The poster session is a wonderful opportunity for students to share medical or health related research with the Dayton area healthcare community. The posters will be displayed in the Kennedy Union Ballroom during the morning session of the Healthcare Symposium. The poster session is open to all UD undergraduate students as well as medical students and graduate students in healthcare related fields.

Appropriate topics include:
  o Healthcare delivery
  o Health and wellness
  o Disease: etiology, progression, treatment, prevention
  o Public health
  o Translational research: Use natural science bench work research findings to provide a poster that focuses on clinical medicine implications and applications
  o Community service and service learning
  o Other health related research

In order to participate in the poster session, students are required to submit an abstract of no more than 250 words. See the symposium web site at go.udayton.edu/udmvhsymposium for guidelines on how to apply for the poster session as well as on writing an abstract and creating a poster.

The poster session proposals may be submitted on the web site beginning January 30. The deadline for submissions is February 27. Student registration for the morning and afternoon sessions will open in mid-February.

Planning is now in progress for the afternoon student symposium. All students interested in careers in healthcare are encouraged to register for the symposium. The afternoon will include panel discussions on medical specialties, life in medical school, and the application process, as well as panels devoted specifically to physician assistants and to dentistry. Registration will open in mid-February at go.udayton.edu/udmvhsymposium.

Be on the lookout for more information on the symposium soon!

MCAT PRACTICE EXAM

If you plan on taking the MCAT this spring or summer, mark your calendar for an upcoming practice exam. Kaplan will hold a live MCAT practice test on February 28 at 11 am in 146 SC. Information on registration will be available soon.

REMEMBER! PREMEDICAL PROGRAMS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 4

Sophomore and junior premed and predent students are eligible to apply. See the Premedical Programs web site at premed.udayton.edu or last month’s newsletter for details about eligibility and the application process.

Applications will be available online beginning January 30.
HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY

January 20 — AED meeting
January 26 — Application deadline - ROSE Program (University of Cincinnati College of Medicine)

January 27 — Professional school application process workshop, SC Auditorium 114, 5 p.m.

January 28 — Professional school application process workshop, SC Auditorium 114, 5:45 p.m. (Note time change)

January 30 — Everhard, Michaelis, and Szabo scholarship applications available online

February

February 2 — Last day to drop without record
February 3 — AED meeting
February 17— AED meeting

February 27 — UD & MVH Healthcare Symposium poster session proposals due

February 28 — MCAT Practice Test, 11 a.m., SC 146

March

March 3 — AED meeting
March 4 — Everhard, Michaelis, and Szabo Scholarship Applications due
March 5-8 — Midterm Break

March 9 — Request for Evaluation form due in the Premedical Programs Office for all professional school applicants using a composite letter and summary evaluation

March 24 — AED meeting

March 28 — University of Dayton & Miami Valley Hospital Healthcare Symposium

ACCEPTANCES

Congratulations to the following UD students who have been admitted to health professional schools for 2015!

Sara Alakkad (BCM) Case Western Reserve U Dentistry
Nathanael Adams (MED) Wayne State U SOM
Kevin Bogenschutz (EEP) Ohio Dominican U PA, Marquette U PA, Chatham U PA
Kevin Carroll (MED) Edward Via COM Carolinas, A.T. Still University KCOM
Tim Cutler (MED) OUHCOM-Cleveland Clinic
Joseph Ebersole (BIO) Case Western Reserve U SOM, U Cincinnati COM, SUNY Syracuse COM, Wright State U Boonshoft SOM
Kevin Farley (MED) Emory U SOM, SLU COM
Sam Fesenmeier (MED) Marian U COM
Megan Flaherty (BIO/PSY) U Michigan SOM, Wayne State U SOM
Colleen Grassley (BIO) Shenandoah U PA
Clare Kelly (BIO) U Toledo COM MEDStart Early Admission
Kaherine Kimberly (DEN) Creighton U Dentistry, Marquette U Dentistry, OSU Dentistry
Nathaniel Lundy (MCM) OSU COM, U Cincinnati COM, SLU COM, Creighton COM
Greg Mancini (BIO) OUHCOM-Cleveland Clinic
Colin Marshall (MED) OUHCOM-Dublin
Tracy Moor (BIO) Ohio State University College of Optometry

Austin Roebke (MED) Case Western Reserve U SOM, U Cincinnati COM, OSU COM
Allison Serey (MED) U Kentucky COM
Laura Webendorfer (BIO) Kettering College PA
Zachary Wisniewski (DEN) Marquette U Dentistry
Jarrod Wurm (BIO) Wright State U Boonshoft SOM
Jacob Yankowitz (MED) Kansas City UMB, WV SOM
Stephanie Zbin (BIO) Marquette U Dentistry, U Louisville Dentistry, OSU, Dentistry, Case Western Reserve U Dentistry