

# HIGHLIGHTS

## OCTOBER

October 4 — Speaker: Debbie Bisbee, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, 3:00 pm SC 114

Oct 5 — Ohio Medical Education Day at Mount Vernon Nazarene University

October 10 - 13 — Fall Midterm Break

October 18 — Speaker: Dr. Stephen Manuel, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, 3:00 pm SC 114

October 18-20 — SNMA Region V Fall

Conference at Wright State University

October 25 — Speaker: Georgia Palotta, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, 3:00 pm SC 114

## NOVEMBER

November 1 — Speaker: Sue Wulff, University of Dayton Physician Assistant Program, 3:00 pm SC 114

November 8 — Speaker: Dr. Gary LeRoy, Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, 3:00 pm SC 114

November 22 — Speaker: Bryan Moody, Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine, 3:00 pm SC 114

November 27 - December 1 — Thanksgiving Break

## DECEMBER

December 5 — Last Day of Classes

December 6 — Christmas on Campus, Feast of Immaculate Conception, No classes

December 7-8 — Study Days

December 9-13 — Final Exams

December 14 — Commencement

December 14 - January 12 — Winter Break

## UPCOMING AED EVENTS

October 4 — AED Cookout! Members and pledges. 423 Irving, 4:30 pm

October 8 — Membership Meeting, Sergeant Leonel Cubias will present a session on the US Army Medical Corps and the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP). A third year OSU medical student will tell about her involvement with HPSP.

October 22 — Membership Meeting, A panel of Family Medicine physicians will talk about their medical education and work in family medicine. Pizza to follow.

November 5 — Membership Meeting, Dr. Tom Herchline and Dr. Marylynn Herchline will talk about how they have infused international medicine into their practices and into their lives as a couple.

November 19 — Membership Meeting, Jennifer Higgins, Director of Workforce Development for the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers.

## Admissions

Congratulations to the first UD students who have been admitted to health professional schools for 2014!

Nicholas Adams (MED) Lake Erie COM, Michigan State COM; We'am Hussain (MED) WSU Boonshoft SOM; Kaetha Frost (MED) OUHCOM.

# October 2013 newsletter

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Kelly Schwaner posing with baboons at the CARE Baboon Sanctuary in South Africa where she interned over the summer.



AED students enjoy their Meet the Profs Drop-In Luncheon

Happy Fall Everybody!

There's lots going on at this time of year. Be sure to read this month's edition of the PPO Newsletter to stay up on all the happenings of Premedical Programs including the following major events:

- "Planning your application" workshop for students applying to medical/dental/other health professional school – Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m.
- Applications for Szabo Grants due Nov. 1.
- Friday afternoon seminars provide opportunities to hear from representatives from admissions offices at Ohio health professional schools.
- AED has a great slate of speakers for fall as well as their AED cookout Friday, Oct. 4.
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is Oct. 19 – Join the UD Pre-med team!
- Train to be a hospice volunteer at the upcoming training session.
- Applications open soon for sophomores interested in early acceptance programs into Ohio medical schools..

Find all you need to know about these events and more inside!

So many ways to make this a great fall semester!

Happy Reading,

Dr. Scheltens

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer:** Join other UD students to raise money for breast cancer research by taking part in the Making Strides Breast Cancer walk to be held in downtown Dayton, beginning at Fifth Third Field, on Saturday, October 19. Register or donate online by going to the Making Strides website at [makingstrides.acsevents.org](http://makingstrides.acsevents.org) and searching for our team: University of Dayton Pre-meds. Making Strides raises money for the American Cancer Society's fight to end breast cancer by funding research, increasing access to services for people fighting breast cancer and ensuring access to mammograms.

**Acclaim Hospice:** For any students who would like to become hospice volunteers, Michelle Holbrook from Acclaim Hospice will provide an orientation and training session. To register, call Michelle Holbrook at 937-433-2400. She is currently trying to arrange a training session at the end of October.

### 2013 SNMA Region V Fall Conference Leadership in Medicine: Going Beyond the Clinic Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine October 18-20, 2013

This is a great local opportunity for students planning to apply to medical school. Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine will be hosting the regional Student National Medical Association (SNMA) conference on October 18-20.

The conference is entitled "PULSE: Purpose. Unity. Leadership. Service. Engagement." Sessions of interest to premed students will be held on October 19 and include: Preparing for Medical School, Financing Medical School, Interviewing Strategies, MCAT Preparation Skills and Demystifying the Medical School Application Process. The day's events will begin at 8 am with Opening Remarks followed by these sessions.

Founded in 1964, SNMA is the nation's oldest and largest, independent, student-run organization focused on the needs and concerns of medical students of color. SNMA is for **all** medical students, pre-medical students, and physicians who are committed to supporting current and future underrepresented minority medical students, addressing the needs of underserved communities, and increasing the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent and socially conscious physicians.

For information about the conference, go to the conference web site at [med.wright.edu/clubs/snma/conference](http://med.wright.edu/clubs/snma/conference). Before registering, contact Dr. Simon in the Premedical Programs Office or Aaron Witherspoon in the Office of Multicultural Affairs for instructions. Funds are available to assist students in paying the registration fee. A not-to-be-missed opportunity for our premed students!

## Announcements

### Upcoming Application Workshop

Are you thinking of applying to medical, dental or other health professional school in the next year? The workshop "Planning for your application to Health Professional School" will be held on Wednesday, October 2 at 7 pm in the Science Center Auditorium (SC 114). The purpose of this workshop is to provide an orientation to the application process for medical, dental and other health professional programs.

### Learn about Podiatry

Whitney Smith, Assistant Director of Enrollment Management at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine (NYCPM) will visit UD on Tuesday, October 22 to speak to students about podiatric medicine and the program of study at NYCPM, which prepares students to enter a podiatric medical residency. She will also talk about their Pre-Health Summer Internship Program, a four-day, no cost program with shadowing, classes and hands-on labs along with tours of New York City. She will be speaking in SC 062 at 4:30 pm.

### CMM 449 Communications for Health Professionals

This Integration course is geared toward students in healthcare related majors. The course will integrate communication theory, research, and practice with fundamental principles of health care delivery to facilitate the development of communication skills for future care providers. Students will have the opportunity to interact with simulated patients in a dyadic setting to practice these behaviors. These interactions will be videotaped and discussed in feedback sessions involving the entire class. The students will also participate in medical communities both observing and practicing these skills. CMM 449 will be taught by Dr. Teresa Thompson in Spring 2014, MW 3-4:15.

### New Medical School at Quinnipiac University

On Wednesday, October 23, Charlotta Taylor, Director of Admissions for Recruitment and Student Engagement will be on campus to talk about the new Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. She will give an overview of the program and provide application information. She will be speaking in SC 062 at 3:30 p.m.

### Spring Semester Scheduling

Registration for Spring Semester is coming soon. Seniors begin registering on November 1. Watch for information from your advisor about signing up for appointments. You must see your advisor in person and get an approval code before you can register for classes.

## Notes from Africa

### Kelly Schwaner shares her immersion experience at the CARE Baboon Sanctuary

This summer I spent 6 weeks volunteering at the Centre for Animal Rehabilitation and Education (C.A.R.E.) in Phalaborwa, South Africa immersing myself in a modest lifestyle surrounded by amazing wildlife. C.A.R.E. is a rehab facility for orphaned Chacma Baboons. In Africa, baboons are considered vermin and are often killed by the locals or used in muti, traditional Southern African medicine, and their babies are left as orphans. The goal of C.A.R.E. is to take in these mistreated orphans, raise them, and then release them back into the wild a few years later.

I went to C.A.R.E. to gain experience working with primates because I would like to pursue a career in exotic veterinary medicine. At C.A.R.E., I gained many hours of hands-on experience with the baboons learning behaviors and the inner workings of primate conservation. I spent most of my time with the baboon babies functioning as an adult figure. There was always a volunteer sitting with the baby troop, which consisted of six baboons. We communicated with the baboons using body language as well as imitating baboon noises. Other daily volunteer duties included making bottles, preparing food, renovating enclosures, and behavioral observations.

Daily, I observed three adult males who had received a Deslorelin implant. The implant targets hormones was intended to lower testosterone levels and therefore lowers the aggression in the captive males. Through my daily observations I learned a great deal about baboon aggressive, social, sexual, solitary, and nonaggressive behavior. This gave me an in-depth understanding of baboons as well as a general understanding of primates in general.

My stay at C.A.R.E. was truly an immersion into the "African bush" experience. One of the highlights of my trip was being able to observe a surgery on a Black Rhino who was darted in the middle of the bush. I also interacted with a hippopotamus. The rhino surgery along with my experience with the baboons made me realize a career in exotic veterinary medicine is the right path for me! Thank you so much to the Szabo family who gave me the grant that made this dream become a reality.

---Kelly Schwaner

### Szabo Grants

If you are planning on a summer immersion trip or a clinical or research experience, you may be interested in applying for a Szabo grant. Applicants must submit a proposal directly to the Director of Premedical Programs. The proposal must include a statement of the project and its goals, the location where the project will be carried out, a complete budget for the experience including the amount of funds requested through a Szabo Grant. The limit for a Szabo grant is \$2000. Applications are due in the Premedical Programs Office by November 1, 2013.



### Early Assurance Programs: Attention Sophomores and Juniors

**The ROSE Program — University of Cincinnati College of Medicine**  
The ROSE program is part internship, part early acceptance to medical school and part mentorship program. Students apply in their sophomore year. The purpose of the program is to provide stimulating experiences and contact with academic medical faculty for high ability, intellectually curious pre-medical college students. Students accomplish this goal by participating in current research being done at the University of Cincinnati Academic Medical Center via summer internship. Research can be clinical, translational, or bench. The ROSE program application will be accessible from the website [med.uc.edu/rose](http://med.uc.edu/rose) from November 15, 2013 until February 3, 2014.

**The Early Assurance Program — Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine**  
The Early Assurance Program grants admission into Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine for selected undergraduate students of Central State University, the University of Dayton, Wilberforce University, and Wright State University. Through this program, premedical students apply in their sophomore year and are conditionally accepted as medical students at the completion of their undergraduate work. Students must have a science and overall GPA of 3.4 and an ACT score of 28 or higher or an SAT score of 1300 or higher (1945 with the Writing Test). Application is due no later than May 1 of the sophomore year.

**MEDStart — University of Toledo College of Medicine**  
The University of Toledo College of Medicine's MEDStart program is an early admission program designed to accept students during the junior year of their undergraduate education. An overall undergraduate GPA of 3.7 is highly recommended along with an ACT score of 29 or higher or an SAT score of 1900 or higher. Students should have completed one year of general chemistry, one year of biological science and one year of organic chemistry with labs. Applicants are required to complete an online UT Medical School Secondary Application and a MedStart Supplemental Application as well as supplemental materials by December 31, 2013.