Visit to OUHCOM

A group of UD students visited Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine in April. Director of Admissions Jill Harmon provided an admission presentation, a tour of the facilities, an OMM demonstration and a visit to a first-year lecture. Students enjoyed lunch with some recent UD alumni at OUHCOM, including Jacob Farber ’13, Jordan Gerski ’12, Christopher Leibold ’13, Markus Raardon ’13, and Diana Teo ’09.

Medical Humanities Minor

Medical humanities is an interdisciplinary field combining the humanities, social science, the arts and their application to medical education and practice. The University of Dayton will soon offer a medical humanities minor to undergraduate students. Combined with a natural science curriculum, courses in this minor provide students with a holistic preparation for a career in health and medicine. Humanities and social science courses provide students with a set of competencies and insights for better understanding the complexities of health care and the role of medicine in society.

To complete this minor, students will choose five courses selected from a select list of classes featuring presentations by medical students, medical school admission representatives and faculty from Ohio Medical Schools and Ohio health professions advisers. The entire day, Nazarene University in Mount Vernon, Ohio, for the first ever Ohio Medical Education Day on Oct. 5, 2013, 20 students from the University of Dayton traveled to Mount Vernon.

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While much of the nation faced frigid temperatures this January, 40 UD students — along with physicians Tom Herchline, M.D., Meryllyn Herchline, M.D. and Premedical Programs director Kathleen Scheltens — headed to Nicaragua for a nine day medical and public health brigade.

The medical brigade set up temporary clinics in three separate Nicaraguan communities, provided care to over 600 patients and distributed thousands of dollars of medications. The clinics allowed students to rotate assignments in intake, triage, doctor consultations, dental clinic, gynecology services, pharmaceuticals and data informatics. Students also attended educational workshops.

Once the medical brigade was completed, the group ventured to a small mountain village where the focus was manual labor! For three days, students laid concrete floors within homes and built community latrines consisting of a shower, sink, toilet and septic system.

Supplies for both the medical and public health initiatives were obtained through fundraising and donations. Many of the medications were donated by Miami Valley Hospital and Dr. Meryllyn and Dr. Tom Herchline. In addition, several alumni responded to our letter campaign requesting sponsorship of the program, including Dr. Daniel Brunner, Dr. Arnette Chavez, Dr. Mark Davis, Dr. James and Linda DeLong, Dr. Andrew DiBartolomeo, Dr. Joseph and Sally Dorsten, Dr. William Fishbaugh, Dr. Maria Hunter, Dr. James Monsalvezki, Dr. Edward Sabol, Dr. Ronald Szafran, Dr. Thomas Thiel, and Dr. Thomas Williams. Thank you alumni!

Funding efforts by students included a pancake breakfast, a 5K run, a bike raffle and a raffle for “Dayton 2 Daytona”. These events were great bonding experiences for the team as well as effective money-makers.

Interested in helping support our January 2015 brigade to Nicaragua? Your donation can make a world of difference! Your tax-deductible donation can be made directly to Global Brigades at www.empowered.org/Global Brigades-at-University of-Dayton. Your donation will be applied directly to our brigades to purchase our box of medicine and medical supplies. We greatly appreciate your support!

More than 60 UD students and alumni volunteer for our local Health Care Connection program, providing a variety of clinical placements in Dayton as well as in underserved remote areas such as Nicaragua. We hope you will be part of this exciting journey! Please consider mentioning a student through our Health Care Connection program, sponsoring a student in our international medical brigade or let us know any way you would like to connect with our students as they explore the world of healthcare and develop the qualities essential to becoming tomorrow’s physicians.

Best wishes,
Kathleen Scheltens, Ph.D.
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Fifth Annual University of Dayton & Miami Valley Hospital Healthcare Symposium

“Innovations in Healthcare”, the Fifth Annual UD/MVH Healthcare Symposium, took place April 5, 2014 in Kennedy Union. About 200 students and over 100 professionals attended the event.

To kick off the event, leaders in the Dayton medical community met the evening before for a reception hosted by Paul Benson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Many local physicians, administrators and community leaders enjoyed informal gathering with some symposium presenters, beginning conversation about how to incorporate the “Innovations in Healthcare Delivery” theme into local initiatives.

A new component to the symposium this year was the student poster session. Fifteen medical and graduate students and 31 University of Dayton students participated in the poster session presenting works in the areas of comparative healthcare, community initiatives, clinical medicine and translational research. Timothy Trey and Elizabeth Johns had the top entry from UD with their poster Global Brigades: Our Medical Mission to Nicaragua. The top entry award for a medical or graduate student went to Benjamin Benson for his poster Inversible Electro-poration: An Institution Experience.

The morning session, titled Innovations in Healthcare Delivery, began with a presentation by NRP foreign correspondent and documentary filmmaker T. R. Reid. Reid discussed healthcare models employed in various countries as well as innovative practices he has visited in the U.S. Following Reid, Dr. Marjene Bowman, dean of the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, moderated a panel discussion that included presenters by Dr. David Moan and Dr. Karen Coburn, who discussed innovative models of healthcare delivery that have been successfully in lowering costs and decreasing hospital admissions and ED visits.

The morning session was followed by a lunch where professionals and students could mingle and make connections.

A number of panel discussions for undergraduate students were held in the afternoon student symposium. The session titles included: “Many Faces of Medical Specialties”, Physician Assistant Panel — Life in Dental School — Physician Panel on Information Technology — “Caring for the Underserved in Your Own Backyard”, “Life in Medical School How to Become a Successful Applicant”.

Thank you to the following alumni who served on our panels: Jacob迫er ’13, Maria Garmo ’13, Jennifer Hurlbut ’12, Courtney Kuttuk ’12, Lorey Perkowitz ’13, Caroline Savicki ’13, Jacqueline Savicki ’13, Amber Washington ’07 Eschel ’12, and Adam Wolter ’12.

A big thank you is extended to the alumni who served on the executive planning committee: Dr. Michael Cristy ’58, Dr. Melissa Banow ’04 and Dr. Ranjana Sinha ’93.

The University of Dayton Chapter of the Multicultural Association of Premedical Students (UD-MAPS) was founded at UD in the fall of 2013. UD-MAPS is open to all students interested in health professions. The goals of UD-MAPS are to provide academic support to underrepresented minority students interested in the health professions, create connections for students in the health professions and provide extracurricular experiences related to the health professions. A group of UD students represented our MAPS chapter at the 2013 Regional Conference of SNMA held at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine in October 2013. Other activities this year included participation in blood drives on campus, tutoring at Dunbar High School and membership meetings with a variety of speakers. Next year’s plans include a mentoring program for middle school students and setting up a book exchange.

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GRADUATING SENIOR AWARDS

Andrew Steffenmeiser received the Joseph E. Schegner, M.D. (MED) Leadership in Medicine Award, which is presented to a graduating premedical student who has demonstrated leadership toward improving the health of the public through better health care. Schegner will attend Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine.

Kylie Bushroe received the Montgomery County Medical Society Award, which goes to the outstanding senior in a premedical curriculum. Bushroe will attend The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Amy Whitaker received the Miami Valley Academy of Physicians Awards, which is awarded to the graduating senior whose activities exemplify the philosophy of the family medicine profession. Whitaker will attend Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences.

Michael Rohrer and Kathleen Sallick were the co-recipients of the Brother Francis John Molz Memorial Award, which is determined by vote of the Alpha Epsilon Delta membership, recognizing a graduating AED member who best demon- strates the qualities of unselfishness, community service and academic achievement.

CONGRATULATIONS AWARD WINNERS!