



STUDENTS IN PANAMA WITH GLOBAL BRIGADES

SUMMER 2022

# LIFELINE

### Premedical Programs Newsletter

#### **Director's Letter**

Dear Flyers & Friends,

As I reflect upon this past academic year and prepare for the new one to begin, I am grateful for many things. We had some return to normalcy, including restarting our International Medical Experience course this past spring after it was paused due to the pandemic. Our 65 Premedicine and Predentistry May 2022 graduates experienced a traditional ceremony, walking across the stage at UD Arena to celebrate their hard work and achievement.

We were very fortunate to have Dr. Laurel Monnig join the Premedical Programs team this past year as our Associate Director. Dr. Monnig is a cultural anthropologist with experience advising undergraduates and teaching medical anthropology, among other courses. She has taken on the role of coordinating International Medical Experience, and her perspective as an anthropologist has been invaluable as we develop courses and a program that challenges students to develop cultural humility and use a social science lens to better understand healthcare.

This fall, we will welcome another strong class of 88 Premedicine and Predentistry students to campus. Student interest in healthcare careers continues to increase and Premedical Programs is adapting to better serve students across campus on a pre-health path. We are partnering with the Department of Health Sciences to attract students to UD, provide students with an array of educational programs toward a variety of healthcare careers, and support students as they transition to health professional school.

In the coming year, we hope to be back in person for the University of Dayton and Miami Valley Hospital Healthcare Symposium. We will also host representatives in-person from regional health professional schools for our Friday seminars across both the fall and spring semesters this year. Opportunities for students to engage in the Dayton area community have opened up over the past year, and we anticipate that trend to continue.

I hope you have enjoyed summer and wish you well as the seasons change. The coming of fall and a new school year brings excitement and possibilities, the chance to grow and learn. Let us all be lifetime learners, even if our days as a student are long past!

Elizabeth

#### Summer 2022

## Return of International Medical Experience

After being paused during the 2020-21 academic year due to the pandemic, International Medical Experience (MED 339) returned during the spring 2022 semester. We were able to offer two sections, each partnering with an organization for the international experience. Overall, 34 pre-health professional students from a variety of majors participated in this opportunity to learn about global health and engage with healthcare workers in another country.

Dr. Marylynn Herchline's class traveled to Panama during spring break and assisted in medical clinics organized by Global Brigades in two local communities. Students were able to serve in a variety of ways, which contributed to their rich learning experience. Dr. Tom Herchline and Dr. Annette Chavez accompanied the class and worked alongside two Panamanian physicians in the clinics. Students employed their Spanish skills to take and record patient vitals. They also observed patient consultations with the physicians, assisted a Panamanian optometrist and Panamanian pharmacist, entered patient information in an electronic system, and provided an interactive oral health presentation aimed mainly at children.

The second section of IME was taught by Dr. Laurel Monnig and included travel to Oaxaca, Mexico during May with partnering organization Child & Family Health International. Students shadowed physicians and other healthcare workers at several types of health facilities, including a cancer center, mother and baby clinic, and community health center. Students stayed with host families and had opportunities to learn about Oaxaca's history and culture, in addition to learning about the healthcare system in Mexico.



STUDENTS IN MEXICO WITH CHILD & FAMILY HEALTH INTERNATIONAL



SHANNON AND TIA WITH OAXACAN PHYSICIANS



#### **2022 Graduation Awards**

Montgomery County Medical Society Award to the Outstanding Senior in a Premedical Curriculum







**NICOLE A. HETRICK** 



**KATHERINE A. KOHNEN** 



**KATHYRN M. PFEIFFER** 



**MACKENZIE T. MARTIN** 

The Joseph E. Scherger, M.D., MPH Leadership in Medicine Award to a Graduating Premedical Student Who Has Demonstrated Leadership Toward Improving the Health of the Public Through Better Health Care



**MICHAELA T. QUAM** 

Miami Valley Academy of Family Physicians Award to the Graduating Senior Who's Activities Exemplify the Philosophy of Family Medicine



**CORINNE M. STANFORTH** 

The Brother Francis J. Molz, S.M., Memorial Award to the Outstanding Senior in Premedicine. Awarded annually to the student who best demonstrates the qualities of unselfishness, community service and academic achievement

#### **Acceptance Statistics**

73% Med

Medical school acceptance rate over the past 5 years. 83% acceptance rate in 2022 for Pre-medicine majors. 75% Den

Dental school acceptance rate over the past 5 years. 82% acceptance rate in 2022 for Predentistry majors. 64% PA

Physician assistant school acceptance rate over the past 4 years.



#### **2021 Matriculants to Physician Assistant Programs**

Kevin Bickett (HSS'21) Wayne St U PA Victoria Boggs (ECE'16) Rocky Mountain UPA Sarah Byrne (BIO'17) Ohio Dominican UPA Morgan Cline (BIO'21) U Dayton PA Chloe Dillinger (HSS'21) U Dayton PA Kiersten Duff (HSS'21) U Dayton PA Abigail Ewald (HSS'21) Kettering PA Suzanne Hiltz (MED'20) Northwestern UPA Bernadette Hughbanks (BIO'21) U Dayton PA Rachel Hurtubise (HSS'20) Kettering PA Kelly Jones (HSS'20) U Dayton PA Hannah Keating (BIO'21) U Toledo PA Mackenzie Kincaid (MED'20) Rocky Mountain PA Caitlin Lavilla (HSS'21) Kettering PA Courtney Lemert (MED'20) Mary Baldwin U PA Mary Rose Loughran (BIO/SPN'19) Midwestern U PA Meagan Lovin (MED'20) U Dayton PA Kaitlyn McKenna (BCM'19) Dominican U PA Sonia Melton (MED'21) Trevecca Nazarene U PA Sarah Miller (HSS'12) U Dayton PA Johnathan Moresea (MED'19) U Mount Union PA Hannah Mueller (MED'20) U Dayton PA McKenna O'Connor (BIO'21) Kettering PA Jaclyn Petrichevich (BIO'19) U Dayton PA Sarah Pierce (MED'21) Ohio Dominican UPA Elizabeth Pritchard (BIO'21) U Dayton PA Madeline Smith (HSS'19) Kettering PA Madeline Terzola (HSS'21) U Toledo PA Bernard Tippen (MED'20) U Toledo PA Christopher Valadez (BIO'16) Ashland UPA Margaret Walker (HSS'21) U Dayton PA



STUDENTS IN PANAMA PREPARING TO CHECK PATIENT VITALS



DR. TOM HERCHLINE, DR. ANNETTE CHAVEZ, AND PANAMANIAN PHYSICIANS

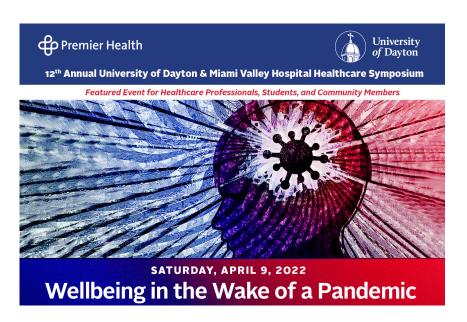


#### 2022 Matriculants to Health Professional School

Elizabeth Abrams (BIO'17) Ohio St U COM Seth Adams (BIO'21) U Toledo COM Brendan Anderson (MED'22) Indiana U SOM Eleanor Blincoe (DEN'22) U Kentucky COD Teresa Bradford (CME'17) Idaho COM Camryn Buskey (MED'21) U Toledo COM Laura Bute (BIO'22) Wright St U Boonshoft SOM Jonathan Colwell (MED'21) Ohio U Heritage COM Rachel Daley (BCM'21) Edward Via COM John Dickson (MED'21) Midwestern U Chicago COM William Edwards (DEN'22) U Missouri KC SOD Alexander Elma (MED'22) Marian U COM Isabella Fox (MED'22) Wright St U Boonshoft SOM Scott Gorecke (DEN'22) Ohio St U COD Ethan Grant (DPT'17) Wright St U Boonshoft SOM Clay Hepp (HSS'22) Indiana U SOM Margaret Herr (MED'22) Wright St U Boonshoft SOM Nicole Hetrick (MED'22) Marian U COM Andrew Holderer (DEN'22) U Pennsylvania SODM William Jevnikar (MED'21) Wright St U Boonshoft SOM Katherine Kohnen (MED'22) U Cincinnati SOM Claire Kunk (HSS'22) Ohio St U Optometry Alexander Kurdziel (DEN'22) LECOM SODM Brooke Lamar (DEN'22) Tufts U SODM John Leibold (PSY'20) U Cincinnati SOM Jake Lex (MED')22 Marian U COM Mackenzie Martin (MED'22) U Cincinnati SOM Jared Martin (MEE'18) Ohio St U COD Kathleen McCaslin (MED'22) Marian U COM Margarita Mendez (BIO'18) U Illinois Chicago COD Brennan Mooney (DEN'21) U Buffalo SODM

Danielle Murman (DEN'22) Ohio St U COD Katie Perry (MED'21) Wright St U Boonshoft SOM Madison Petschke (MED'22) Nova Southeastern U COM Taylor Reeg (HSS'22) Ohio St U COD Samuel Ripley (MED'21) Wright St U Boonshoft SOM Diego Rive (BIO'21) U Central del Caribe SOM Jenna Rock (BIO'22) Case Western Reserve U SOM Meghann Roessler (MED'21) Marian U COM Mackenzie Schaff (MED'22) Indiana U SOM Samuel Shroder (MED'22) Ohio St U Optometry Matthew Spangler (BCM'22) Drexel U COM Corinne Stanforth (BIO'22) Ohio St U COM Joshua Vivas Rodriguez (BIO'21) Ponce SOM Ciara White (HSS'22) Wayne St U SOM Luke Williams (MED'21) U Pikeville COM John Paul Yoseph (DEN'22) Loma Linda U SOD Zachary Yurich (BIO'21) AT Still U SOD





#### 2022 UD & MVH Healthcare Symposium

The 12th annual University of Dayton & Miami Valley Hospital Healthcare Symposium Wellbeing in the Wake of a Pandemic was held virtually on April 9, 2022. The goal was to acknowledge the incredible stress that the pandemic has put on healthcare workers and explore ways to face professional challenges.

Dr. Lisa Rotenstein, Associate Medical Director of Population Health at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, opened the symposium with her keynote address, Wellbeing in the Healthcare Workforce: Progress Made and the Road Ahead. She provided an overview of the issues and trends in wellbeing for healthcare professionals, including how gender, racial, and ethnic dimensions impact wellbeing. Additionally, Dr. Rotenstein discussed organizational and systems-level approaches to enhancing wellbeing in healthcare professionals.

We next heard from three speakers in our Local Voices session. First, Dr. Christina Waite, Medical Director of Psychiatry for Premier Health, provided a local perspective of the impact of the pandemic on healthcare professionals in her presentation Stress, Compassion Fatigue, and Burnout During the Pandemic. Brian LaDuca, Executive Director of the Institute of Applied Creativity for Transformation at UD, gave a session titled We Have Entered the Era of Resiliency...But How?. Finally, Dr. Jennifer Dalton, Director of Dietetics and Nutrition at UD, presented Finding Meaning and Purpose Through Difficult Times.

The final session, Lessons from Law Enforcement: Wellbeing in a Challenging Profession, brought together Chiefs Richard Biehl, Savalas Kidd, and David Wolford to discuss stress and strategies to promote wellbeing in law enforcement officers and first responders. Richard Biehl served as Chief of Police for Dayton Police Department for 13 years before retiring in 2021. Savalas Kidd is Assistant Vice President of Public Safety and Chief of Police at UD. David Wolford is System Chief of Police and Security at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton.

The 2023 UD & MVH Healthcare Symposium is tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2023 at Kennedy Union. More information to come early in 2023.



#### **New Healthcare Symposium Awards**

Two new awards were inaugurated during the 2022 UD & MVH Healthcare Symposium to recognize a local healthcare professional and a pre-health professional student who have positively impacted our community through their work.

The awards are named in honor of two individuals who were instrumental in developing the healthcare symposium and who themselves have greatly benefitted the Dayton community through their respective professions, Dr. Michael Craig and Dr. Kathleen Scheltens.

The first award was named in honor of and presented to Dr. Michael Craig, who served patients in Dayton during his long career as a pulmonologist. Dr. Craig is an alumnus of UD and has generously supported the University and the greater Dayton-area in a number of ways.

The Michael W. Craig M.D. Healthcare Impact Award will be given annually at the University of Dayton & Miami Valley Hospital Healthcare Symposium to a local healthcare professional with exemplary service to the community.

This second award was named in honor of Dr. Kathleen Scheltens, who worked tirelessly advising pre-health professional students at UD for more than 12 years. Dr. Scheltens presented the award to rising UD senior, Sarah Lamb. Sarah is a dual degree student pursuing a BS in Pre-medicine and a BA in Spanish. Sarah was honored with this award mainly due to her dedication to the Hospital Elder Life Program at Miami Valley Hospital.

The Kathleen C. Scheltens Ph.D. Student Healthcare Impact Award will be given annually at the University of Dayton & Miami Valley Hospital Healthcare Symposium to a student with exemplary service and leadership related to healthcare.



DR. SCHELTENS AND SARAH LAMB



DR. MICHAEL CRAIG'S AWARD



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