2016 BRIGADE RETURNS FROM NICARAGUA

Fifty four students spent part of their winter break on a Medical/Dental and Public Health brigade in Nicaragua, along with four physicians and Dr. Scheltens. This was the seventh UD brigade completed with partner organization Global Brigades.

Students completed several fundraisers and received amazing support from UD alumni and other sponsors to reach their goal of raising over $15,000 for medications and supplies.

The brigade began with a day of medications sorting and counting followed by a three day visit to two rural communities where teams set up make-shift medical and dental clinics, a triage station, a pharmacy, gynecology station and children’s health education station. Combined attendance at the two clinics surpassed 1800 patients.

After the medical/dental brigade, the group spent 2 days working in smaller teams in families’ homes building sanitation units (structures housing a toilet, shower and sink) and laying cement floors in dirt floored homes. Students’ program fees included the costs of the materials for these projects. The families were incredibly grateful for these major improvements in their quality of life which will surely also improve the health of these communities.

The final day involved a water brigade project. After a 45 minute hike up-mountain, shovels and pick axes in hand, the group expanded the length of a ditch that will house a water pipe bringing clean water to a local community.

Applications for the January 2017 brigade will be made available in April. Keep an eye out for more info in the April Newsletter.
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. 26 at 5:45 pm and Jan 27 at 5:00 p.m. 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, and the potential for a guaranteed interview for the entering class. The application deadline is February 1, 2016. More information and application materials can be found on the web site at http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/SummerScholars/.

OU-HCOM also has a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program. This seven-week program is for students interested in biomedical and basid science research. See the SURF website at oucom.ohiou.edu/Admissions/SURF.htm for more details about that program. The deadline for the SURF program is February 1, 2016.

The Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine Office of Student Affairs and Admissions will hold an Admissions Open House for Pre-Med Students on Saturday, Jan. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Gandhi Medical Education Center in White Hall. The free program offers college students considering medical school and their parents an opportunity to meet with school administrators and current medical students and enter a drawing to win a fee waiver for the secondary application fee. Registration is FREE but required. Register at medicine.wright.edu/about/news-and-events/announcements/article/open-house-for-pre-med-students-set-for-jan-23.
**2016 UD & MVH HEALTHCARE SYMPOSIUM**

The 2015 University of Dayton and Miami Valley Hospital Healthcare Symposium will be held Saturday, April 23 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.

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/udmvsymposium 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 29. 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/udmvsymposium. Be on the lookout for more information on the symposium soon!

**GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITIES: CHURCH HEALTH SCHOLARS**

The 2016-2017 application is now open for the Church Health Scholars program. Church Health Scholars is a one-year program at the Church Health Center in Memphis, Tennessee designed to provide recent college graduates with work experiences in the underserved community. The Health Care Track is for individuals interested in the medical or dental field. The application deadline is March 1, 2016. For more information and a link to the application, go to www.churchhealthcenter.org/chscholars.

**AMERICORPS AIDS UNITED**

The 2016-2017 applications are now open for a gap year opportunity-through AmeriCorps and AIDS United. This is a program for students who are interested in public health/health care/medicine. This program consists of 11 months of public service focused on prevention, education, and the treatment around HIV/AIDS. There are currently six service sites throughout the country, including Cleveland, but the program is expanding to have 13 cities in total. Each service member receives a stipend of $14,000 for the 11 months, and an education award of around $5,000 upon completion of the program. It is an incredible 11 months of service, and a great in-depth experience for students wishing to pursue a career or further studies in health care. This site has more information on the program: http://www.aidsunited.org/Programs-0024-Grantmaking/AmeriCorps.aspx

This is AmeriCorps’ application site: https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do

**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 Saturday, April 16 at 9 am in 150SC. Information on registration will be available soon.

**MCAT REGISTRATION**

Registration for the June - September 2016 MCAT exam dates will open on, Wednesday, February 10. As a reminder, registration is currently open for January, April, and May dates. For more information on registration, please visit: https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/register/

**DECA TUTORING**

Dayton Early College Academy (DECA) is seeking tutors for its students. For more information contact William Harper at wharper@daytonearlycollege.org. If you are interested in tutoring at the please sign up using the form at goo.gl/forms/gDjzQWqvJ9

**PRE-PA CLUB MEETINGS**

Wednesdays at 8:00 PM, SC 114: January 27, February 10, March 2, 16, 30, April 13

**REMINDER! PREMEDICAL PROGRAMS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 1**

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 29.
JANUARY

January 26 — Application deadline - ROSE Program (University of Cincinnati - ti College of Medicine)

January 26 — Professional school application process workshop, SC Auditorium 114, 5:45 p.m.

January 27 — Professional school application process workshop, SC Auditorium 114, 5:00 p.m.

January 29 — Everhard, Michaelis, and Szabo scholarship applications available online

FEBRUARY

February 8 — Last day to drop without record

February 24-28 — Midterm break

February 29 — UD & MVH Healthcare Symposium poster session proposals due

MARCH

March 1 — Everhard, Michaelis, and Szabo Scholarship Applications due

March 11 — Request for Evaluation form due in the Premedical Programs Office for all professional school applicants using a composite letter and summary evaluation

March 24-28 — Easter Break

ACCEPTANCES

Congratulations to the following UD students who have been admitted to health professional schools for 2016!

Neal Bucher (MED) Ohio U Heritage COM
Arden Burch (MED) Logan U College of Chiropractic
Abigail Carr (MED) Butler U PA
Kristin Creel (MED) Wright State U Boonshoft SOM
Breonna Curren (MED) Alabama COM
Alicia Dellazoppa (MED) Marquette PA, U Dayton PA
Patrick Dugan (MED) Indiana U SOM
Ryan Elser (EPT) Marietta U PA, Kettering PA, U Dayton PA
Drew Elson (MED) Ohio U Heritage COM
Molly Fitch (BIO) Kettering U PA, Baldwin Wallace U PA, Ohio Dominican U PA, Butler U PA
Sofia Gillum (MED) Marian U COM
Kaleigh Hudak (EEP) U Dayton PA, U of Saint Francis PA

Tim Hunter (MED) AT Still U Kirksville COM, U Cincinnati COM
DJ Kleppel (BIO) U Toledo COM, Penn State U Hershey COM
Katie Kornnefel (BIO) U Toledo COM
Jasmine Lahoud (BIO) Kettering U PA, U Dayton PA
Kelsey Maag (MED) OUHC COM Dublin
Maggie McNamara (MED) Emory U Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing
Emily McNerney (MED) Kettering U PA
Jonathan Melendez (MED) Ohio State U SOM, U Central Florida COM, Boston U SOM
Mario Muttillo (MED) Marshall U School of Pharmacy
Bailey Myers (DEN) Ohio State U SOD, Marquette U SOD
Michelle Naporano (BIO) Ohio U Heritage COM

Shayna Niese (EEP) U Findlay PA
Delaine Oda (MED) Kettering U PA, U Dayton PA
John Porter (MED) Ohio State U SOM, U Cincinnati COM, Case Western Reserve U SOM
Maxwell Roeske (BIO) Ohio State U MD/PhD, Stanford U MD/PhD
Kristin Schemine (DEN) U Michigan SOD, Ohio State U COD, Marquette U SOD, Midwestern U CODM
Kathryn Schilling (MED) Marian U COM
Alexandra Shehata (BIO) U Kentucky COD, Ohio State U COD
Jessica Smith (MED) U Cincinnati COM
Paul Stamas (DEN) U Michigan SOD, Marquette U SOD
Hibba Sumra (MED) U Toledo COM
Meredith Taylor (MED) U Cincinnati COM, Ohio U Heritage COM