Brigade Heads to Nicaragua

The new year will bring an exciting adventure for forty UD students, Dr. Scheltens and local physicians Dr. Tom Herchline and Dr. Marylynn Herchline as they head to Nicaragua for a nine day medical and public health brigade. The group will fly on Jan. 4th to Managua, then travel 176 km to the community of Suni where they will set up and execute a three day medical brigade. This involves a variety of student functions including intake, triage, electronic medical records, shadowing physicians, translation, sorting and labeling medications and working in the pharmacy. Students will also conduct dental hygiene lessons with children.

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Spring Term Calendar

January
7, 8  PCAT Testing Dates
10  Classes Begin
20  Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day – no classes
28, 29  Professional School
Application Process Workshops,
SC 114, 5 pm
31  Everhard, Michaels and
Szabo Scholarship
application available online

February
3  Application Deadline
R.O.S.E. Program
3  Last day to drop classes
without a record

March
4  Everhard, Michaels and Szabo
Scholarship applications due
5  Mid-Term Break begins after last
class
10  Classes resume at 8 am

April
2  Last day to drop classes with
record of W
5  UD/MV Healthcare
Symposium
9  Bro. Joseph W. Stander
Symposium – Alternate Day of
Learning
14  Professional School
Application Process Workshop:
Preparing for Summer,
SC 114, 5 pm
16  Easter Reces begins after last
class
21  Easter Monday – no day
classes – classes resume at
4:30 pm
25  Last day of classes
26, 27  Study days
28  Final exams begin

May
2  Final exams end
4  Undergraduate
Commencement Exercises
at 9:45 am

Announcements

Application Workshops

Attention Juniors! Are you interested in applying to medical school, dental school or other health professional school? The application process will begin in the spring and the Premedical Programs office will sponsor Professional School Application Process Workshops to share important information and resources to help you prepare. The workshops will be held on January 28th and 29th at 5 pm in the Science Center Auditorium (SC 114).

Scholarships — Everhard, Szabo and Michaels Scholarships

Each year scholarships are made available to students who have completed their sophomore year through the Everhard Trust Fund, the Stephen E. and June H. Szabo Scholarship Fund, and the Carl I. Michaels Scholarship Fund. The details of these requirements, and the application procedures will be presented in the next issue of the Newsletter. Applications will be available through our web site premed.udayton.edu beginning January 31 and will be due by March 4.

Save the Date! UD/MV Healthcare Symposium — April 5, 2014

This year, the symposium will focus on innovations in healthcare delivery and will highlight organizations and individuals who are making great strides in changing the ways health care is delivered — and improving outcomes and lowering costs. Featured speakers:

• Ken Coburn, M.D., M.P.H., cofounder, CEO and medical director of Health Quality Partners, which has reduced deaths, hospitalizations and costs for high-risk, chronically ill Medicare beneficiaries.
• Marjorie Bowman, M.D., M.P.A., dean at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, will return as our moderator.

The symposium schedule includes the morning session open to physicians and students followed by a luncheon/reception. There will also be a poster session open to students and residents. In the afternoon, a specific student symposium begins which is geared to helping undergraduate students in their journey toward a career in healthcare.

Great Winter Break Read: “The Healing of America” by T. R. Reid

Healthcare expert T. R. Reid will be the featured speaker at the Fifth Annual University of Dayton/Miami Valley Hospital Healthcare Symposium on April 5, 2014. He has written a number of books including the national bestseller “The Healing of America.” In this book, he describes ways to provide healthcare for every American. His current focus is on healthcare, about which he has made several documentary films, the most recent of which is “U.S. Healthcare: The Good News,” made in 2012. This film is frequently shown by local PBS affiliates and can be watched on the ThinkTV web site at http://video.thinktv.org/

Summer Programs

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) programs

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) programs are offered each summer at many of the medical schools including several in Ohio. The primary goal of these programs is to provide students with a foundation for making career choices in the biomedical sciences. Freshman, sophomore and junior undergraduates are eligible to apply to most SURF programs and some will also consider seniors. Applicants must be U.S citizens or permanent residents and have an interest in a career in biomedical research, pharmacy, or medicine. Criteria for selection include academic record, answers to essay questions and interest in obtaining research experience. Applications must be made to each individual program and deadlines vary but students are encouraged to apply early. The programs listed below are currently taking applications. See the individual web sites for details, deadlines and online applications:

• University of Toledo: http://www.utoledo.edu/med/md/admissions/sp.html
• University of Cincinnati College of Medicine: http://med.uc.edu/Summer.aspx
• Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center: http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/education/research/surf/default/
• Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine: http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/Admissions/SummerPrograms2012.htm

Ohio summer medical programs

• Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine offers their Summer Scholars program for economically or educationally disadvantaged students or those from an underrepresented minority. The application deadline is March 1, 2014. http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/Admissions/SummerPrograms2012.htm

• Wright State University has the STREAMS program, which encourages members of underrepresented minority groups and students with disabilities to choose careers in cardiovascular-related research. Applications are due in March. http://www.med.wright.edu/stream/

• University of Cincinnati R.O.S.E. program is part research internship, part early acceptance to medical school, and part mentorship. This program is designed for sophomore and junior level students who are Ohio residents or who live in certain Indiana or Kentucky counties that receive Ohio reciprocity. Only students who have successfully completed one year of college coursework work as full-time, matriculated undergraduate students in a four year degree granting program will be considered. Students must be able to commit at least two consecutive summers to a research internship in Cincinnati. Application deadline is Feb 3, 2014. http://med.uc.edu/rose.aspx

UD/Miami Valley Hospital Healthcare Symposium Poster Session

This year, the UD/MV Healthcare symposium will include a poster session, which will be open to undergraduates. We invite you to create a poster showing how your research project is related to disease, healthcare delivery, health and wellness, or other health related topics. The research can be from a project with a faculty member, an internship or off campus experience, or from work done for a class. Posters will be presented at the symposium and will be judged by physicians and faculty members. A prize will be awarded to the best undergraduate poster. Details will be available in January.

Exam Krackers MCAT Preparation

Exam Krackers is offering a $150 discount on their 9 week MCAT Preparation course if you enroll by 12/4/13. The classes begin on February 8, 2014 and will be held at the University of Dayton. For more information or to enroll go to the Exam Krackers web site at http://www.examkrackers.com/MCAT/MCAT-course-schedule.aspx?id=1557.