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**Registration for Summer & Fall**

- All continuing students should register for fall classes right away if not already registered.

- Any students in need of CHEM 31 and 32 for summer term can now register for 60186 and 60187 respectively. If planning summer courses and not yet registered, please do so ASAP.

- If you are trying to register for orgo this fall, please wait on word from us. Do not contact the department or the course instructor.

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**Linkage Agreement Steps**

For those applying to institutions with which we have a linkage agreement, you will need to complete the corresponding form and submit it to me (Polly) by May 15th if you wish to have me process it for you. Once a new advisor is hired, that person can also help you with this.

To request a form for a particular program, send an e-mail to pallen@uvm.edu. It can be returned via scan or FAX, or dropped off.

This form alerts the program that you are utilizing the linkage agreement which guarantees an interview if you meet the program’s requirements. More detail is posted here: [http://learn.uvm.edu/health-3/post-baccalaureate-premedical-program/post-baccalaureate-premedical-program-linkages/](http://learn.uvm.edu/health-3/post-baccalaureate-premedical-program/post-baccalaureate-premedical-program-linkages/)

New Student Orientation for Those Starting Summer Term

We want to welcome our wonderful new group of students starting the Post-Bac Program with the summer term via a picnic adjacent to the lake side of the Davis Student Center. In the case of inclement weather, we will move inside. This is planned for Friday May 17th from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Weston.Shepherd@uvm.edu so that we can plan food accordingly. We hope you will be able to attend and meet other new students prior to the start of classes on Monday May 20th.

Application Cycles Opening Soon

AMCAS (allopathic medical school application) and AACOMAS (osteopathic medical school application) applications will soon be available for you to open an account and begin completing your application for 2014 matriculation. AMCAS opens May 1st and AACOMAS June 1st. These applications take a lot of time, should be carefully prepared and error-free when submitted. Some applications, such as for Physician Assistant Programs, vary widely. In general it is wise to apply early in the cycle if at all possible, and it is usually not necessary to await test scores to apply.

Hillman & Tshikororo Scholarship Deadline

The deadline for these two scholarships is July 1st. FAFSA results are also due then so you should submit your 2013-2014 FAFSA by June 1st if you plan to apply for one or both of these scholarships. The application is online and the criteria are community service, scholarship and need. Each scholarship is for $1,000.00 Here is the link for the applications on our Post-Bac website: (scroll down) http://learn.uvm.edu/health-3/post-baccalaureate-premedical-program/post-baccalaureate-premedical-program-tuition/

The NEW 2015 MCAT exam

There will be a new Medical School Admissions Test (MCAT) starting in spring of 2015. It will include a broader range of subjects, and it will be longer than the current exam. The new exam will include foundational concepts in: biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, physics, biochemistry (new), psychology (new), sociology (new)

The Official Guide to the MCAT 2015 will be released early next year, and will include an overview of the exam, details about the 4 test sections, and sample test questions. The first full-length sample practice test simulating the 2015 exam will also be released next year and a second sample test will also be released in 2015. Here are a few links to learn more about what to expect and why, and what you need to do to prepare for the new test:

How Will This Affect You?
AAMC Preview Guide and Informational Video
AAMC Open Letter to Pre-Med Students explains why the test was changed
Area Health Education Centers

The UVM College of Medicine’s ‘AHEC’ program is a source for many great learning, research and volunteering opportunities. Here is a description from their website:

The Vermont Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program, in collaboration with many partners, improves access to quality healthcare through its focus on workforce development. This includes: pipeline programs in health careers awareness and exploration for youth in communities across the state; support for and engagement of health professions students at the University of Vermont and residents at Fletcher Allen Health Care; recruitment and retention of the healthcare workforce in Vermont.

AHEC efforts focus on achieving a well-trained healthcare workforce so that all Vermonters have access to quality care, including those who live in Vermont’s most rural areas and Vermont’s underserved populations. In addition to workforce development, AHEC brings educational and quality improvement programming to Vermont’s primary care practitioners and supports community health education across the state.

A number of Post-Bac students have become involved in AHEC programs or accessed the programs research. Anyone interested should take a look at their calendar of events:
http://www.uvm.edu/medicine/ahec/?Page=calendar.html

National Institute of Health (NIH) Glide Year Opportunities

In case you missed this earlier message, it is worth repeating and comes thanks to a new Post-Bac student, Colleen Clark:

Here is a link to wonderful paid opportunities at the National Institute of Health ideal for your glide year
The NIH IRTA program: https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/postbac_irta
The website has lots of resources and information about the program and beyond.
Genetic Counseling Camp June 10th

5th Annual Genetic Counseling One-Day Summer Camp

Would you like to:

- Know more about the field of genetic counseling?
- Meet professional genetic counselors and learn about the various roles they have within the healthcare arena?
- Engage in learning about cutting edge technologies and their applications?
- Learn about the societal implications about genomics testing?

Where:

Sarah Lawrence College, Joan H. Marks Graduate Program in Human Genetics Bronxville, New York.

We are located twenty minutes north of Manhattan. Sarah Lawrence is a pioneer in the field of human genetics: the College has produced more than half of the nation's professionals in the genetic counseling field. Through a program of rigorous, interdisciplinary study and field placement, the graduates are redefining the relationship among health, science, and society.

When:

Monday June 10, 2013  8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Registration:

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED:  *(Receipt of registration & fee will be sent to you via email)*

$25.00 Registration fee includes Breakfast & Lunch. Please download registration form and mail it along with check or money order only to:

Christina Clohessy
Human Genetics Program
Sarah Lawrence College
Bronxville, NY 10708
(914) 395-2605

cclohessy@sarahlawrence.edu
http://www.slc.edu/graduate/programs/human-genetics/camp/index.html
Complimentary & Alternative Medicine Masters at Georgetown

Those of you interested in alternative and complementary medicine might want to look into this program:

Masters Degree in Physiology

**Complementary & Alternative Medicine (CAM) Program**

- A rigorous science-based curriculum (11 months) ideal for students who are considering a career in medicine or other health professions.
- Unique coursework that provides exposure to disciplines of complementary, alternative and integrative medicine.
- Students develop skills to critically evaluate the state of the scientific evidence for both conventional medicine and complementary and alternative therapies.
- Strong individual academic advising and support for the professional school application process, admission to PhD programs, and other career options.
- High faculty : student ratio.
- Summer practicum placement at leading Institutions in CAM-related positions.

Requirements: Minimum 3.0 GPA and solid MCAT, GRE, LSAT or DAT scores

Telephone: (202) 687-7979

To view curriculum or other information visit: [http://CAMprogram.georgetown.edu](http://CAMprogram.georgetown.edu)

Email questions to: cabinesa@georgetown.edu

You wouldn’t know it by looking outside, but we’re in the home stretch for spring term!

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