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## Newsletter

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### Recognition Corner:

Six current medical students have been selected for membership into the prestigious medical organization, Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society. Congratulations to the following class of 2017 inductees:

- Oksana A. Bailiff, Class of 2017
- Adam R. Davis, Class of 2017
- Corey A. Hamilton, Class of 2017
- James "Jamie" E. Hatten, Class of 2017
- Erika R. Maynard, Class of 2017
- Matthew D. Thompson, Class of 2017

#### Medical School Homecoming 2016

Two legacy students attended the SOM's Homecoming with their physician parents this year. Alex Gillispie, Class of 2020, and her mother, Dr. Deb Gillispie, Class of 1991, and Michelle Studeny Worthy, Class of 2017 President, and her father Dr. Mark Studeny, Class of 1986 and the 2016 Distinguished Alumnus.



### You Asked. We Did.

Students often write that they do not know the faculty they are evaluating when filling out their evaluations through New Innovations and have asked that we allow them to choose this designation if relevant. Thus, we have added a box at the top of faculty evaluation that allows a student to indicate that they do not know the faculty member in question and that their evaluation will not be accurate. We have implemented this on a trial basis to ensure that it is only selected when appropriate.

There have been many suggestions from MS1 and MS2 students that concern exam and exam questions. They are currently being reviewed at the various subcommittees. We will inform students which of their suggestions are feasible as soon as they are implemented and/or approved.

### New Initiatives Corner

Discussions are being held with the clerkship directors and curriculum committees meetings concerning the shortening of the pre-clinical curriculum. Still early, these discussions are important as we recognize how competitive and time-dependent residency applications are becoming. Shortening of the pre-clinical curriculum may involve streaming what is taught, further integration of content, and transitions from a graded to a pass/fail system. Consultants who have undergone this transition are currently being sought to help us address the concerns that faculty and students are likely to have.

As many of you may be aware, clinical clerkships have transitioned to a pass/fail/honors designation. However, the issue of ranking has come up. For the current MS4 year (Class of 2017) we will not be using the P/F/H to calculate class ranking for MSPE's. We will be using the H (4.0)/P (3.0)/ and Fail (2.0) clerkship calculations for class of 2018 onwards.

### Awards/Community Activity Corner

Congratulations to Evan Madden (MS4) who is the JCESOM student ambassador at the American Academy of Family Physicians Association.

Also, congratulations to J. Wesley Urian (MS2) on his selection to serve on the Student Section Committee for Medical Education for the American Medical Association.

It is also great to see Brandon Merritt (MS3) selected to serve on the Committee on Global and Public Health representing our program.

### Flood Relief Efforts

This year saw devastating flooding over much of the region. Volunteers from both the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy assisted in medical care and counseling. We would like to say thanks to our medical school students in particular. They are: Sara Dusing [MS4]; Alex Vance [MS3]; Melissa Saab [MS3]; Kimiknu Mentore [MS3]; Aubrey Fleming [MS3]; Bibek Joshi [MS4]; Nate Crow [MS4]; Emily Wright [MS2]; Erin Fankhenel [MS2]; Nicole Lee [MS2]; Cathryn Williams [MS2]; Erin Casey [MS2]; Michelle Studney [MS4]; Michael Matheney [MS3]; Caleb Webb [MS3]; Yusif Mohammed [MS4]; Matt Meriweather [MS4]; Joseph Ta [MS3]; Forest Lefevre [MS1]; Daniel Desiderio [MS3]; Eamonn Maher [MS4]; and Cody Stover [MS4]

### Scholarly Activity Corner

The following medical students or recent grads have been listed as authors of the studies listed below. Please congratulate them when you see them.

**Preeyah Shah- MS1, Kyle Maxwell- MS2, Asad Khawaja- MS1, and Michael Dodrill- Class of 2015.** Attenuation of Na/K-ATPase Mediated Oxidant Amplification with pNaKtide Ameliorates Experimental Uremic Cardiomyopathy. Joseph I. Shapiro et al. Scientific Reports 6, Article number: 34592 (2016)

**Chad B. Crigger- Class of 2016.** The Use of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy in Idiopathic Sensorineural Hearing Loss: A Case Study. Stephen Wilson, et al. Marshall Journal of Medicine. Vol 2 Issue 3, July 2016.

**Brandon Smith- Class of 2016.** A comparison of imaging modalities for the diagnosis of osteomyelitis. Franklin D. Shuler et al. Marshall Journal of Medicine. Vol 2 Issue 3, July 2016.

**Maria Espiridion- MS4.** Patient Satisfaction with the Annual Wellness Visit. Lynne Goebel et al. Marshall Journal of Medicine. Vol 2 Issue 3, July 2016.

**Thomas Melvin – MS4 and Brandon Merritt- MS3.** Vitamin K2 (menaquinone) Supplementation and its Benefits in Cardiovascular Disease, Osteoporosis, and Cancer. Franklin Shuler et al. Marshall Journal of Medicine. Vol 2 Issue 3, July 2016.

**Zachary Sanford- MS4.** Traumatic Posterior Tibial Pseudoaneurysm: A rare late complication repaired conventionally. Constantinos Constantinou et al. Marshall Journal of Medicine. Vol 2 Issue 3, July 2016.

**Zachary Sanford- MS4.** Medicine outside the Clinic: The Growing Need for Physicians in Sexual Education Policy. Viewpoint, Marshall Journal of Medicine. Vol 2 Issue 4, Oct. 2016.

**Shahed Elhamdani- MS3.** Retrograde Pedal Access for Revascularization of Infrapopliteal Arterial Occlusive Disease in Critical Limb Ischemia (CLI) Patients as Primary Approach. Marshall Journal of Medicine. Vol 2 Issue 4, Oct. 2016.

Preeya Shah [MS1] also has an abstract that has been selected to be presented at the upcoming Journal of American Society of Nephrology Kidney Week in November, 2016 entitled "A Novel method of Determining Adiposity and its Relationship in the Modification of Diet in Renal Disease Study. This work was carried out in the laboratory of Dr. Joseph Shapiro.

*Below is an article from the Office of Medical Education:*

Gullo CA. The future is in the numbers: the power of predictive analysis in the biomedical educational environment. Med Educ. Online. 2016 Jul 1; 21: 32516.



We would like to welcome our newest group of St George's University students to our school. They are:

Katherine Addicott, Layana Biglow, Moyukh Chakrabarti, Rachit Gupta, Jasvir Kaur, Pamil Malhi, Long Nguyen, Shaunak Patel, and Maya Sukkari