GSA-Diversity Affairs Representatives,

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONALS**
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The UPMC Physician Services Division Inclusion Council second annual conference will spotlight trends, scholarly work, and best practices in addressing health disparities and building a diverse health care workforce. The second annual conference will spotlight trends, scholarly work, and best practices in addressing health disparities and building a diverse health care workforce. We are interested in abstracts for presentations or posters that highlight current research on the identification of disparities, the influence of sociobehavioral and socioeconomic inequalities on health status, relevant health care policy issues, and innovative topics and research related to these areas. This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Additional information is available here.

Webinar: Addressing the Unique Needs of Undocumented Students: How Recent Policy Changes Affect College Access Wednesday, December 11 ~ 3:00-4:30pm EST
Participants will:
• Learn how state and federal education and immigration policies impact college access for undocumented students in their state and on their campus
• Review the DACA application and learn how best to assist students with its completion
• Discover ways to help undocumented students during the college application and admission process
• Address the unique needs of undocumented college-goers
• Be able to train other professionals on their campus and/or in their community to support undocumented immigrant students
• Begin to develop a network of undocumented student allies and support on their campus and in their community

Who should attend?
• 2-year & 4-year institutions
• Directors of Diversity
• Admissions Directors & Staff
• Faculty
• Directors of Minority Recruitment
• Outreach & Recruitment Staff
• College & Financial Aid Advisors
• Enrollment Management Administrators & Staff
• College Registrars
• Marketing & Communications Professionals
• Student Services/Affairs Administrators & Staff
• Financial Aid Directors & Staff

This webinar will be presented live on both dates listed above. Institutions can participate on one date or both at no additional fee! Registration details are available here.

2013 GREAT Group Annual Professional Development Meeting: “Evolution of the Training Paradigm: Developing the Biomedical Workforce of the Future” Registration will be available online through September 9, 2013. We invite graduate deans, MD-PhD and postdoctoral program directors, training program administrators, and those with an interest in advancing biomedical research training to join us on Thursday, September 19, 2013 for a meeting addressing the most challenging issues facing biomedical science education at academic medical institutions today. Featured events include keynote speaker Dr. Freeman Hrabowski III, President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). Program information can be accessed here.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENTS
INVITATION - Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments: Latino Health Forum
On September 30, 2013, the Metropolitan Council of Governments is bringing regional decision makers and stakeholders together to discuss the factors that affect access to healthcare for Latinos across the region.

Learn the latest about:
- Implementation of the Affordable Care Act
- Best models and practices for serving the Latino community by agencies within the region
- Language and cultural barriers to accessing care

Register for the forum here by September 20, 2013.

Tour4Diversity Announces Fall 2013 Tour Schedule
Medical schools can register to host a table throughout the day at each site of the tour. Learn more here.

National Hispanic Medical Association is now taking applications for our new "GE-NHMA Health Professional Student Leadership & Mentoring Program."
The National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA), working with the National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF), will select 50 talented Hispanic medical and public health students to a one year “GE-NHMA Health Professional Student Leadership and Mentoring Program” funded by the GE Foundation. The goal of the “GE-NHMA Health Professional Student Leadership & Mentoring Program” is to increase the number of Hispanic physicians and public health professionals in primary care. NHMA will accomplish this through a one year mentorship and leadership program. This is an outstanding educational opportunity to increase the knowledge of students about the challenges and transformation of health care for Hispanics and other underserved populations. We hope to inspire future health care leaders for our nation.

NHMA will provide the students with physician or health professional mentors. In addition to having frequent communication with their mentor, participants will be expected to attend two face-to-face meetings with their mentor: 1) lecture on health care reform and health disparities at our 2013 Fall Regional Events (Sept. – Oct.) and 2) NHMA 2014 National Conference in Washington, DC (March 27-30). Travel will be covered to the NHMA National Conference.

Applicants should be: 1) enrolled full-time in an a medical school (allopathic or osteopathic) or as a graduate student in a public health school in the U.S.; and 2) committed to a public health or primary care career in an underserved Hispanic community. Deadline to apply is September 6, 2013.

For more information about the program click here.

Save the Date! NAMME 38th Annual Conference, September 4 – 8, 2013, Pittsburg, PA. Theme: “Maximizing The Wisdom, Train the Trainer”. Additional information is available here.

Registration Open - Learn ● Serve ● Lead: The AAMC 2013 Annual Meeting
Register now for Learn ● Serve ● Lead: The AAMC 2013 Annual Meeting—the signature learning and networking event for academic medicine. Join the AAMC Nov. 1–6 in Philadelphia to engage with current and future leaders—deans, CEOs, faculty, administrators, residents, students, and other medical school and teaching hospital stakeholders—in critical conversations about the changing landscape of medical education, research, and patient care. Keynote speakers Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski will engage in dynamic, insightful conversations about the critical political issues of the day. Plenary speakers, Ian Morrison, Daphne Koller, and Adam Grant will address their efforts to implement change in health care, education, and organizational culture. Additionally, this year, through the “Making the Most of the Annual Meeting” program, institutions that sign up as a team will receive a discount off their registration and a toolkit of guidelines and resources to help them take a strategic approach to the annual meeting. Please note that this year the meeting officially will kick off with the AAMC Leadership Plenary session on Saturday instead of...
Sunday (followed by the opening reception in the exhibit hall). For full program details, please visit the Web site.

**Save the Date! 2014 NAAHP National Meeting**
The 2014 NAAHP Program Planning Committee invites NAAHP members, Advisory Council members, and others to submit concurrent session and poster proposals for the 21st National Meeting in San Francisco, CA, June 25-29, 2014. Detailed information about the conference and online submission form are available here.

**The Association for Academic Surgery Opens 2013 Fall Courses Registration**
The Fall Courses will be happening on October 4-5, 2013 in Washington, DC with the following courses on each day:

- Friday, October 4 - Fundamentals of Surgical Research Course
- Saturday, October 5 - Career Development Course (Just before the ACS meeting)

Six **travel grants are available** and include travel, hotel accommodations, and registration (not to exceed $1500) for the Fundamentals of Surgical Research Course and Career Development Course. They will be presented to residents, fellows or faculty members who are female and/or are from an under-represented minority. For more information regarding the travel grants. Learn more here. Detailed information can be accessed here.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**

**Fellowship Opportunity: The Mongan Commonwealth Fund Fellowship in Minority Health Policy**
(Formerly The Commonwealth Fund / Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy) is a one-year, degree-granting, full-time program starting July 2014, designed to prepare physicians for leadership roles in transforming health care delivery systems and promoting health policies and practices that improve access to high performance health care for vulnerable populations including racial and ethnic minorities and economically disadvantaged groups. To download the fellowship brochure or for more information about the fellowship, click here.

**Baylor College of Medicine Announces 11th Annual Michael E. DeBakey Medical Student Poetry Awards**
Baylor College of Medicine announces the Eleventh Annual Michael E. DeBakey Medical Student Poetry Awards.

This annual contest honors the legendary, pre-eminent cardiovascular surgeon, pioneering medical scientist, gifted medical educator, prolific author and scholar, and passionate advocate of optimal healthcare throughout the world. Dr. Michael E. DeBakey has long advocated a role for the humanities in medical education and in the development of a full, enriching intellectual life.

**Guidelines:**

1. Only original poetry on a medical subject and by undergraduates currently enrolled in accredited United States medical schools is eligible.

2. By a copy of the student photograph I.D. card, entrants must document enrollment in an accredited American medical school in pursuit of the M.D. degree.

3. Each medical student may submit only one poem, not to exceed 2 pages.

4. Entries must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2013.
5. Poems must be on a medical subject.

6. Poems must be:
   a. Original, not published or under consideration for publication, and not having previously received a poetry award.
   b. Limited to 2 pages, double-spaced.
   c. In English; no translations from other languages.
   d. Printed on 8.5 x 11 inch bond paper.
   e. Accompanied by a cover page, with the following information:
      - Poet’s name
      - Current mailing and e-mailing addresses, telephone, and fax numbers if available.
      - Copy of photographed student I.D. card documenting medical school enrollment.
   f. Submitted in five hard (print) copies, as well as one compact disk (CD) in Microsoft Word (not DVD or floppy diskette).

7. Entries will not be acknowledged.

8. A distinguished panel of qualified judges will assess the poems.

   - The first prize recipient will receive a cash prize of $1,000.00
   - The second prize recipient will receive a cash prize of $500.00
   - The third prize recipient will receive a cash prize of $250.00

10. The first-prize poem will become the property of the Michael E. DeBakey Medical Student Poetry Awards program and will be submitted to a major medical periodical for consideration for publication. If it is accepted for publication, the publisher will own copyright.

**Submissions should be sent to:**
Dr. David H. Berger  
Chairman, Michael E. DeBakey Medical Student Poetry Awards  
Professor and Vice-Chairman, Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery  
Attention: Holly Shilstone  
Baylor College of Medicine  
One Baylor Plaza, 404D, Mail Stop 390, Houston, Texas 77030

**American College of Surgeons Medical Student Program**
Please encourage medical students interested in pursuing a surgical specialty to participate in a special program at the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons. We ask that you please pass along the link below and the attached brochure regarding this program to all students, including those in first and second year.
The Medical Student Program, offered by the ACS Division of Education, is designed to assist medical students with choosing a career in surgery, preparing for the residency selection process, and making the transition from medical school to resident training in surgery.

The students attend lectures, panel discussions, and various activities conducted by prominent Fellows of the College committed to surgery education. In addition to participating in these special activities, students are encouraged to attend the other sessions of the Clinical Congress including panel presentations, scientific paper sessions, video-based education sessions, poster sessions, and technical exhibits. Registration deadline is Friday, September 20, 2013. Early registration is encouraged. The Medical Student Program is free for all medical students, but registration at Clinical Congress (free for ACS student members and a nominal cost for nonmembers) is required. Students, their schools, or departments are responsible for all travel and lodging expenses. Additional details are available here. Or, you may contact Ms. Krashina Hudson at (312) 202-5335 or khudson@facs.org.

Medloans® Organizer and Calculator Now Customized For Dental Students
The AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) is pleased to announce, that in partnership with ADEA (American Dental Education Association), we’ve created the Dental Loan Organizer and Calculator (DLOC). DLOC is an education debt management tool designed to promote responsible borrowing and loan repayment. The new tool helps dental students and graduates organize and track their student loans, view loan repayment options, and create individual repayment scenarios based on their specific career plans. For more information on DLOC, click here.

National Medical Fellowships (NMF) Seeks 4th Year U.S. Medical School Students for the 2014 GE/NMF International Medical Scholars Program
This international program provides a two-month mentored clinical experience in the provision of primary healthcare in Ghana and Kenya. This program provides opportunities to learn about the management of acutely ill patients. Scholars are actively involved in healthcare delivery and institutional evaluation relevant to their academic programs and important to partner organizations that include host hospitals, national health services, and academic institutions. Deadline to Apply: Thursday, September 26, 2013.

The National Medical Fellowships (NMF) is also seeking 1st-4th Year Medical School Students for the NMF Scholarships & Awards Program. Deadline to Apply: Thursday, September 5, 2013.

Additional details on both scholarships are available here. Also see email attachment.

Aspiring Docs and FIRST Release FREE e-Guide for Pre-Med Students
A new online guide is available for pre-med students who are interested in pursuing careers in medicine. Quick Answers to Common Questions About Getting Into Medical School is packed with answers to nearly 40 questions about preparing for medical school, applying, testing, financing, and what it's like to be in medical school. Also contained within the six chapters are links to additional resources for students who are pursuing their medical education. The e-Guide is a compilation of fact sheets from AAMC’s FIRST (Financial Information, Resources, Services, and Tools) for Medical Education and Aspiring Docs initiatives.

Save the Date! Minority Student Medical Career Awareness Workshops and Recruitment Fair - Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the Philadelphia Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA
Recruiter registration for the event will coincide with the AAMC Annual Meeting registration. Registration will open in July. Please direct questions to Angela R. Moses, Program Specialist, 202 862-6203, Amanda Owens, Program Specialist, 202 828-0498 or email: careerfair@aamc.org

ARTICLES

Pipeline Programs Help Get Undergrads to Medical School
This fall, Georgia Regents University is offering students something few M.D. hopefuls will get the opportunity to do: work on their bachelor's degree while also having conditional acceptance at medical school.

Through its new pipeline program, undergraduates will be guided toward a career in medicine through certain classes and receive conditional acceptance into the Medical College of Georgia. "If students in the program maintain a certain grade point average throughout, achieve a satisfactory score on the Medical College Admission Test, complete requirements for research, volunteer work and career shadowing and successfully complete an interview, they will have a seat in the medical school class after their fourth year," Richard Griner, who chairs the GRU Department of Biological Sciences, said in a recent article from Georgia Regents University News. Access the full article here.

New Campbell Med School Trains Rural Health Doctors
With North Carolina facing a looming shortage of primary care physicians, a new school of osteopathic medicine at Campbell University is a welcome addition. For a lucky few, back-to-school means being the first class of students to open Campbell University’s School of Osteopathic Medicine. First-year medical student Richard Baggaley, one of 3,800 applicants and 477 students interviewed, landed one of Campbell’s coveted 162 available slots. Access the full article here.