



SAINT JAMES SCHOOL OF MEDICINE STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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BONAIRE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

As part of our continuous improvement process Saint James School of Medicine is about to complete another stage of facilities improvement of our main campus in Kralendijk, Bonaire. Within the next two weeks students will be able to enjoy an updated student lounge, newly renovated bathroom facilities, a brand new Histo-Pathology lab with new microscopes and slides, and the new Physical Diagnosis lab equipped with exam tables, EKG machines, simulators and models. These additions are designed to enhance the overall learning experience at SJSM, and make it that much more challenging and enjoyable.

WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Congratulations to all MD IV students on completion of their Basic Sciences. We would also like to recognize the fact that this is the first MD IV class completing the Basic Sciences from Anguilla. We would like to extend a special thanks to this group of students, as they are the pioneering class at the Anguilla campus. We wish all MD IV students the best of luck in their Clinical Sciences and we look forward to working with you in the semesters to come.

NEW MEDICAL CONCEPT: PERSONALIZED MEDICINE

Personalized medicine has to do with using information about a person's family health history, lifestyle, and environment to make health care decisions. As more genes are identified and the cost of DNA sequencing goes down, it is becoming possible more and more to make health care decisions based on a person's genetic sequence. The genetic risk of disease is just one part of genetic health care. Pharmacogenomic variants—DNA mutations that affect a person's response to certain drugs—will become an important part of any patient health record. Already, medications, like warfarin and tamoxifen, are prescribed based on genetic testing for enzymes that break down the drugs. To keep informed on this area, you may want to subscribe to "[The age of personalized Medicine](#)" blog.

NEW FACULTY MEMBER

We are pleased to announce the addition of a new faculty member at our Anguilla campus. Robert D'Arcy George, MD, PhD, comes to us with a background in General Surgery from St. Maarten. He will be teaching Anatomy, and brings a wealth of experience to Saint James. A warm welcome to you, Dr. George.

THE TALE OF JOHN BROWN

We've just started a new series of [blog posts](#) telling the story of a student applying to Saint James School of Medicine. As John Brown follows his dream of studying medicine, he encounters many challenges. The hurdles he overcomes are typical of many of our students and we hope that many of you will relate to the situations and issues this series explores.

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CAN'T GET ENOUGH IMAGES ON GOOGLE?

More than 2.5 million images and figures from medical and life sciences journals are now available through [Images](#), a new resource for finding images in the biomedical literature. This information is brought to us for free from the government. The database was developed and will be maintained by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), a division of the National Library of Medicine. The initial content of Images reflects images and figures contained in NCBI's [PubMed Central full-text digital archive](#) of biomedical and life sciences journal literature. Keep in mind that these images are from journal literature, so you might end up reading some important medical literature, along the way.

This system is expected to have a wide range of uses for a variety of users, including clinicians looking for visual representation of a disease or condition, researchers searching for studies with certain types of analyses, students seeking diagrams, professionals or educators looking for an image for a presentation, and patients wanting to better understand their illnesses.



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2011 RESIDENCY MATCH RESULTS

Every year the residency match gets more and more competitive. In the current economic situation, many residency programs have down sized, closed down or changed ownership to cut costs, limiting the number of residency spots available. Despite this we are very pleased at the performance of the graduates of Saint James School of Medicine in the 2011 Residency Match. Several were placed in such prestigious institutions and programs like the University of Louisiana, University of Alabama and the University of Iowa.

Our heartiest congratulations and sincere thanks to all of our graduates for their hard work and effort. Your success is an inspiration to future graduates, and reassures them that hard work and commitment to their dreams will certainly pay off one day. We are proud of you!

This is a partial list of graduates that have confirmed their placement in residency programs through the National Residency Matching Program 2011.

CONGRATULATIONS!

1. Yasmin Ali, Neurology, Illinois
2. Rajdeep Dhami, Family Medicine, Illinois
3. Amir Farokhy, Internal Medicine, Pennsylvania
4. Wally Folad, Internal Medicine, Arizona
5. Omar Hussein, Internal Medicine, Illinois
6. Jothis Jose, Family Medicine, Illinois
7. Misbba Khan, Internal Medicine, Louisiana
8. David Klein, Family Medicine, Canada
9. Janette Leal, Internal Medicine/Psychiatry, Iowa
10. Sulagshan Mahendrarajah, Neurology, Iowa
11. Gorica Milojevic, Family Medicine, Michigan
12. Sheri Pierce- Granelli, Family Medicine, Illinois
13. Neenu Prasad, Family Medicine, Georgia
14. Vajeeha Sadi, Internal Medicine, Illinois
15. Kartik Shah, Internal Medicine, Louisiana
16. Bobby Shaw, Family Medicine, Washington
17. Naitik Sheth, Internal Medicine, Illinois
18. Vijendra Singh, Medicine, West Virginia
19. Vishal Thakur, Family Medicine, Alabama

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