SAINT JAMES
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Saint James Student News

Summer 2018

SJSM Announces New Deans at St. Vincent Campus

Dr. Alexey Pryakhin Appointed as Dean of Basic Sciences at SJSM
St. Vincent

We are very pleased to announce and congratulate Dr. Pryakhin as our new Dean of Basic Science in our St. Vincent campus. His strong leadership skills, hard work and dedication have earned him this position. You have been truly an asset to SJSM and we like to wish you best of luck and much success in your new position and congratulations once again!

Dr. Mirjana Milutinovic Appointed as Dean of Student Affairs at SJSM St. Vincent

SJSM would like to announce and welcome Dr. Mirjana Milutinovic as our new Dean of Student Affairs at the Saint James School of Medicine St. Vincent campus. Dr. Milutinovic has been with SJSM for some time, previously at the Bonaire campus. She has contributed a lot to the teaching, research, and administrative duties for a long time! We want to wish her best of luck and much success in her new position.

SJSM Welcome New Faculty

St. Vincent: We welcome our new faculty member Dr Phani Kathari who is teaching Microbiology.

Remembering Bruce Davidson

It is with a heavy heart and extreme sadness that we inform everyone of the passing away of our beloved professor and Dean for over 9 years, Dr. Bruce Davidson. Dr. Davidson or Bruce as he liked to be called, touched all our lives in many different ways. To some he was a leader, to others he was an amazing teacher, but above all he was a caring individual and a dear friend. He lived his life by improving the lives of those he touched, by making us smile with his witty jokes, or as the disk jockey spinning your favorite tunes at the local island hangouts or bettering humanity through his endless research efforts.

Bruce was born and raised in London, UK but later moved to Johannesburg, South Africa. There he developed a passion for research which continued throughout his entire career, as well as his time at Saint James. He joined us in 2009, while SJSM was still in Bonaire. He moved to Anguilla in 2013 and was instrumental in setting up the school in St. Vincent. He retired earlier this year to live in Belize in a house that he built with his own hands. He was so proud of it, but he postponed his retirement by a full semester because he wanted to help the Anguilla campus get back on its feet after the Hurricane Irma last year. We were sorry to see him go, but he stayed on with us working remotely from Belize, until his last day.

It is rare to meet as incredible and charismatic an individual as Bruce was. He was so full of life and enthusiasm it is difficult to imagine a Saint James without him. Words cannot express the feeling of loss and sadness that everyone who knows him will be feeling.

As a tribute to this great friend, teacher and guide, who meant so much to each and everyone of us at Saint James and to keep his memory and legacy alive, his beloved research lab, which he designed and built personally, that was so close to his heart, will be dedicated in his honor and christened the Dr. Bruce Davidson Memorial Research Laboratory.
Welcome New Summer 2018 Students!

SJSM Clinical Focus Club
This club will enhance the overall education, social school atmosphere and foster an environment for academic excellence for any student that wishes to pursue what it will have to offer as either a member or through its clinical "hands on" training events.
SJSM SVG Health Fair 2018

SJSM St. Vincent hosted its 4th annual community health fair. The health fair was coordinated by the Student Government Association in collaboration with AMSA, SJSM Medical Fraternity – Phi Chi, Clinical Focus and other student clubs. We provided free screenings: blood pressure, blood sugar, BMI, visual acuity and color vision evaluation and oral examination. Health education and counseling done by volunteers and faculty members were able to enhance the quality of health in the community and have increased knowledge of health information among the public. The Health Fair allowed application of student’s knowledge and skills into practice. Local community members were highly satisfied with the quality of given care.
August 8th, 2018

Dear Students,

We are excited to announce that at their July 2018 meeting, the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions (CAAM-HP) has extended Initial Provisional Accreditation for one year to the Saint James School of Medicine (Anguilla and St. Vincent & the Grenadines). CAAM-HP should be updating their website in the coming days.

We would like to thank our faculty, staff, and students and let them know that we appreciate all their hard work throughout the accreditation process. We look forward to working closely with CAAM-HP on future reports and site visits.

Sincerely,

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Provost