



SAINT JAMES
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Refund Policy Changes

In January 2019, the school's Executive Committee approved a change to the Refund Policy, particularly applicable to Basic Science tuition. This refund policy will be in effect starting the Summer 2019 semester. Refunds, based on date of withdrawal/transfer, will be revised to the following:

- End of 2nd week of class- 50%
- Starting third week of class- No Refund

Summer Semester Billing

Tuition statements for the Summer 2019 semester have been mailed and emailed. Tuition for the Summer 2019 semester is due April 5th. Please ensure that your payments are received by then to avoid late fees. If you need financial assistance, or if you want to be placed on a payment plan, please contact the school's financial office. The school currently works with three private lenders who are offering financial aid packages to students. Visit the school's financial aid page for more information:

<https://www.sjsm.org/financial-assistance/>

Step 2 CS Review Course: Coming Soon

Office of the Dean of Clinical Sciences (ODCS) is currently researching couple of

USMLE Counselling

In December 2018, the school introduced a USMLE counseling service, which is a service provided by SJSJ graduates whose objective is to assist students struggling to pass the NBME Comprehensive Basic Science Examination (CBSE), or simply looking to improve their projected score on the USMLE Step 1. While the service has been in existence for just under three months, the first signs indicate that students who actively engage our counselors are showing significant improvement on their subsequent NBME attempts. We encourage all students who have completed the Basic Science curriculum and are studying for the USMLE Step 1 to reach out to the counselors for guidance and advice.

Changes for the USMLE Counseling Fee billing

Effective March 1st 2019, the school will move to a monthly billing for the USMLE counseling service from the current weekly billing to simplify the process. The monthly fee will be \$225. As a reminder, all Counseling Fees will be waived once the student has passed the USMLE Step 1.

Family Medicine Interest Group

Recently, two of our 3rd Year MD students, Alyssa Fairservice and Michael Massei, co-

different partnerships with entities who provide comprehensive preparation for the USMLE Step 2 CS. This examination is extremely important in the preparation for the Residency and receiving a good score on the exam will significantly improve student's chances for matching. As such, the ODCS is currently evaluating partnerships which would allow students to attend a 3-4 day prep course, in the Chicago area, at a very affordable rate. More details to be provided soon.

founded a Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG), which is backed by the American Academy of Family Physicians. The mission of this group is to guide medical students towards a rewarding career in Family Medicine through social interaction and professional development opportunities. If students and alumni are interested in participating, please contact the Clinical Department for more details via email: sjsmclinical@mail.sjsm.org.

Launch of the New Clinical MySJSM site

The new MySJSM for Clinical Sciences has been launched. Any rotations beginning on or after March 4, 2019 will be administered through MySJSM Clinical and all quizzes and cases should be completed there. Instructions will be emailed to all clinical students. If you have any questions please email SJSMClinical@mail.sjsm.org.



April Accreditation Visit: ACCM



SJSM faculty, students, and administrative members are working diligently to welcome the accreditation panel from Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine (ACCM), a WFME recognized accrediting body from Ireland. The ACCM panel is planning to visit both campuses in order to assess the school's readiness to receive their accreditation approval. The visit will take place in Anguilla on April 1st and 2nd and in St. Vincent on April 4th and 5th. SJSM has voluntarily invited ACCM to receive further input on its program and processes, all in an effort to continue to maximize student outcomes. A positive review by ACCM will make a lasting positive impact on the school's reputation and would open doors to additional accreditation bodies, including those in the United States. We appreciate everyone's participation in the preparation process.

Anatmage Tables



We are excited to announce that Anatomage tables have been ordered and we expect their arrival on campus by the beginning of the Summer semester. Anatomage tables are designed to significantly improve students understanding of anatomy, pathology, and histology, as well as other subjects. With the purchase of tables, the school will also receive an abundance of additional resources, such as cases and X-ray scans. It is important to note that the introduction of the Anatomage table in the school's curriculum will NOT be considered a replacement for cadavers, but rather a resource to supplement the knowledge/skills gained from labs and lectures in anatomy and other courses as well.



New Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy

On February 20th, the school adopted a new Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy. The policy is intended to strengthen the institution's resolve regarding drug and alcohol abuse by students, either on campus or during the clinical rotations. This policy can be found under the Resources>Downloads section of the school's website.

Research Lab in St. Vincent

SJSM Executive Committee has reviewed the proposal from the Research Committee in St. Vincent to introduce a small research lab on the St. Vincent Campus. The proposal was approved and the budget for the lab earmarked. It is anticipated that the lab should

be set up sometime during the Summer semester, with the plan to incorporate the usage of the lab into the curriculum in the Fall.

Canadian Consular Visit to St. Vincent:



We had a visit by Ms. Roslyn Wiltshire, Consular Program Officer, and Ms. Francoise Reid, Consular Assistant from the High Commission of Canada, Barbados on February 20th, 2019. The meeting was attended by all the Deans and a few faculty members as well as our Canadian students.

The consular members informed the Canadian students about the services rendered by the consulate regarding Passports and Permanent Resident cards. They urged them to register with ROCA (Registration Of Canadians Abroad), as it would be easier for the consulate to help them in times of natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, etc. They also answered questions on the loss of Canadian passports on the islands and explained the process to obtain a new passport. They advised the students to follow the Anti - Drug policy on the island and informed them of the consequences of the same.
