Congratulations to all our graduates who earned residencies during the 2019 National Resident Matching Program Residency Match.

We are proud of the incredible hard work and accomplishment of our 2019 Match Candidates.

Our 2019 Residency Match List can be found here [https://www.sjsm.org/students-success/](https://www.sjsm.org/students-success/)
The administrative office in Chicago organized a match party on Mar 15, 2019. We celebrated this special day with our students who were so excited.

**Science Day, March 27th, 2019 – Saint Vincent Campus**

Students from 4th semester conducted research projects in partial fulfillment of their RHM 3 course requirements. 6 projects were developed by students under the supervision of 5 faculty mentors. On Science Day, the student teams delivered 12-minute oral presentations, and displayed their digital posters on screen during the 3-minute Q&A session. The presentations were evaluated by 10 judges (faculty) and the event was coordinated by Dr. Zeine.

**First Place** was awarded to 2 students for their presentations of the following project:

“Co-Infection of TB in HIV-Infected Individuals Comparison of Incidence, Prevalence and Mortality Rates Among Populations of the United States and Developing Nations; A Systematic Review” by Martin Holmes and Lucas Leon (Project 4)
Second Place was awarded to 4 students for their presentation of the following project:

“Comparison of Periacetabular Osteotomy and Total Hip Arthroplasty Complications; A Systematic Review” by Robert Ramirez, Callie Kiehn, Kelsey Cookson and Ihsan Zakaria Elbakhit Gasmalla (Project 2)

Third Place was awarded to 5 students for their presentations of the following project:

“Correlations Among Self-Perception of Health Diet and Physical Activity in Different Countries” by Tarek Abi El Cheikh, Bashar Alzaitoun, Kajal Patel, Richard Browne and Maurice Dick (Project 1)

SJSM Graduation Ceremony 2019

The school has organized a graduation ceremony to celebrate and honor our SJSM graduates on May 31st. Any student who is projected to graduate by May 15th, 2019 is considered eligible to participate. The invites were sent out on Apr 2, 2019. Looking forward to seeing all our graduates in Rosemont, Illinois.
Changes to USMLE Step 1 Certification

In the recent meeting, the Examination Committee has made a change relevant to the certification process for the USMLE Step 1. The school allows the student to be certified up to three times for the USMLE Step 1. Thus far, being certified meant that the student was approved to take the examination. However, it sometimes happens that the student who has been approved for the examination does not actually take the exam due to various reasons. The new committee decision clarifies this by stating that the certification is only counted against the three allowed certifications ONLY if the student actually took the test. If the student did not take the test, the certification would not count against the student. This change in policy became effective April 1st 2019.

Anatomage Tables

We are excited to announce that Anatomage tables have arrived at the 2 campuses and our faculty and students are equally excited to use them. 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 Student Information Management System**

We are excited to announce that SJSM is currently working on transitioning its Student Information Management System from Top School to a cloud based system called PCR Educator. This is exciting new for the school's administrators and students as the new system will be significantly more robust, particularly when it comes to the ability of the students to do things on the student portal, improved communication between the school and the student and the efficiency of the school's administration. Our team has been working on the implementation over the past few months with the goal of going live with the new system by mid-May. More updates to follow soon.

**Exam Master**

All students have a free subscription to the Exam Master qbank, this system is designed to complement other board prep resources students may already be using because of its ability to help you identify strengths and weaknesses and focus on reviewing what students don’t already know. Exam Master is used by a few top schools including Yale, Georgetown and the University of Southern California. Thousands of questions are available covering Steps 1, 2 and 3 and also Medical Certification areas. The QBank is available at [https://sjsm.myexammaster.com/](https://sjsm.myexammaster.com/)

You may access our Getting Started docs here [http://www.exammaster.com/resources](http://www.exammaster.com/resources).

Please use your school email to login. If your account is not working, you may email: oscar@mail.sjsm.org or call: 1-847-375-9130

**Research initiative with MOHWE in Saint Vincent**

Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment-Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (MOHWE) and SJSM will be entering into an agreement. The purpose of the agreement is to jointly commit to the spirit of research on the island of St Vincent. MOHWE and SJSM will work together toward this effort to develop joint research and address public health issues. MOHWE and SJSM will work together to strengthen public health research in the island of SVG by allowing for (1) greater awareness of the MOHWE research agenda, (2) greater opportunities to engage in community health research activities, and (3) the establishment of health-related research as a priority in SVG. For that purpose, the priority will be health research involving patients and/or the general population of SVG in hospitals, clinics, local schools, community programs, and other institutions as well as research on environmental factors influencing health and wellness of the population on SVG.
Dr Zeine visited the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Simone Keizer-Beache

Faculty Spotlight - Dr. Aleksandar Dusic

We spoke with one of our amazing faculty members, Dr. Aleksandar Dusic to get a closer look at why he decided to become a teacher at Saint James School of Medicine. He also has some great advice for current and future students!

https://www.sjsm.org/2019/03/faculty-spotlight-dr-aleksander-dusic/

Mentorship in Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine: A Perspective From Trainees and Their Trainers

Please read this article which was co-authored by one of our students, Thomas Zouki, about mentorship which was published in ASRA newsletter. https://www.asra.com/asra-news/article/165/mentorship-in-regional-anesthesia-and-pa

Dr. Zouki finished his residency in Anesthesiology. Kudos to Dr. Iliou for making such meaningful impact on the lives of students like Dr. Zouki.

Family Medicine Midwest – 2019 Conference

Experience the joy, diversity, value and impact of family medicine. Gain hand-on experience with clinical procedures. Learn about the opportunities and challenges of caring for patients of all types
in all places, in a changing environment. Dispel myths, get answers and have FUN! Visit with
dozens of Midwestern family medicine residency programs under one roof to explore all that
Midwest Family Medicine can offer! Find a residency program, find a mentor, find a friend! Find
your Family Medicine! For details visit
https://www.iafp.com/fmm-residency-fair and
https://www.iafp.com/assets/Education/FMM/2019fmm/FMM%202019%20save%20the%20date.pdf

**Student Referral Program**

Interested in saving on your semester tuition? If you know someone who is
interested in Saint James School of Medicine, provide us with their basic contact information by completing this short referral form. If your referral enrolls at SJSM, you'll get 25% off your next semester tuition, and he/she will receive $500 towards their first semester’s tuition. Now that’s a win-win!

The form can be found on our website.
https://www.sjsm.org/student-referral-program/