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MAY-JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

ACCM Accreditation



It gives us great joy and pride to announce that Saint James School of Medicine has been granted an additional accreditation by the **Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine (ACCM)**. As it stands, we are in an elite category of being accredited by both of the principal accrediting bodies that operate in the Caribbean.

ACCM is one of the few accrediting bodies that has been fully recognized by The World Federation for Medical Education (WFME), which has stated that "The Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine was recognized as working to standards that have been appropriately formulated and applied. The Accreditation Commission on Colleges of

Medicine is deemed to be credible in the quality of its policies and procedures to assure the quality of medical education in programs and schools that it accredits”.

What does this mean for you:

- An accreditation from ACCM ensures that our educational standards are at par with internationally accepted standards as well as the standards used to accredit medical schools in the United States.
- As of 2023, the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) will be accepting only the accreditation bodies recognized by WFME. Students graduating from an unaccredited program will not be allowed to appear for the United States Medical Licensing Examinations.
- This ensures SJSM will continue to offer you the highest quality education at an affordable tuition.
- Having dual accreditation gives our graduates a competitive advantage for Residency Matches

Graduation Ceremony (May 2019)

We were so excited to see all our students at the Graduation Ceremony which was held in Chicago on 05/31/2019. Congratulations to all our graduates. The event was a great success. Follow us on our Facebook/ Instagram page to see more videos and photos.





Introducing Weiss Memorial Hospital: New Affiliation



We are excited to announce a new hospital affiliation with Weiss Memorial Hospital. Weiss Memorial is a 236 bed facility that is located in the Uptown neighborhood of Chicago with ACGME programs in Internal Medicine and a one-year Preliminary residency in Surgery. As such, our students will be able to partake in Internal Medicine and Surgery rotations at this site during their third and fourth years. We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with Weiss Memorial and the clinical experience it will bring to our students.

Jackson Park Hospital Gala

On June 1st, 2019, Jackson Park Hospital hosted its 40th annual fundraiser gala in Chicago, Illinois, which was attended by our employees and faculty from Basic Sciences and Clinical Sciences. The annual gala is a great opportunity for our administration to strengthen our relationship with a significant affiliate of our clerkship network. The gala entailed a formal, yet fun atmosphere which provided recognition to some of the top performers of the Jackson Park organization.

One of the honorees included Dr. Caryn Carranza, Anesthesiologist at Jackson Park, who was bestowed the Physician of the Year award by Jackson Park Hospital. Dr. Carranza has worked with numerous students from SJSM for many years providing anesthesiology exposure to students during elective rotations. We congratulate Dr. Carranza for such a

wonderful recognition and look forward to having many more students learn from her vast expertise in the field of Anesthesiology.



Left to right: Dr. Claude Iliou (Dean of Basic Sciences); Dr. Caryn Carranza (Anesthesiologist at Jackson Park Hospital); and Mr. Joe Torres (Manager – Clinical Services SJSM)

Welcome Erblin Qosaj – USMLE Counselor

Erblin Qosaj is a recent graduate from our Anguilla campus. He tutored while on the island and also has experience with tutoring and being a supplemental instructor during his undergraduate career. He is skilled in tailoring the needs of each individual student by learning where the weaknesses are and improving on them. Whether it is closing gaps in knowledge, learning test taking skill, or anything in between, Erblin has the experience required to help students reach their goals in studying, especially in using study methods that have proven successful for himself and other students in doing well on



the NBME's, the USMLE Step 1, and the USMLE Step 2 CK. He makes sure his medical knowledge is the most up to date to help his students know the most accurate information during their studies!

Dean's list

Congratulations to everyone who made it to the Dean's list in Spring 2019._

Anguilla:

MD1

Christopher Bailey
Tracy Barnett
Susanne Keck
Samuel Pesch

MD2

Conrad Chouinard
John Delgado

MD3

Jennifer Gamache
Ammarah Tariq
Omar McKenzie

MD4

Sarah Groleau
Sibtain Kazmi
Darren Ramcharan
Naresa Ramjohn
Areesha Satti

MD5

Taylor twedt
Zain Abidin
Kavya Poluru
Sadaf Gul

SVG:

MD1

Anika Ridsen
Grace Emenogy
Jerry Nandi

MD2

Sanket Chaudari
Mirna El Dirani
Benoit Boucher

MD3

Hannah Parcel

MD4

Alexander Veestra
Robert Ramirez



Beach Cleaning Drive



Another great initiative by our students from Anguilla!

The beach cleanup was a “student-led” initiative between the Red Cross, Phi Chi, and AMSA clubs on campus. The idea came to light after wanting to do more for the community while giving students an opportunity to get a break from studying to get moving and get outside.

They have cleaned up two beaches with many more to come. The first being Rendezvous Bay beach and the second being Forrest Bay beach.

There were about 30 volunteers who cleaned up the beach. It was a very successful event. A few things were cleaned and recycled, one being a surfboard that we painted over to write announcements on.





Medical Imaging Challenge - Anguilla

The Monthly Medical Imaging Challenge is an image (X-ray, CT, MRI, etc.) of a real patient with a brief history. The student is required to make a diagnosis and provide a brief explanation of why he believes this is the correct diagnosis.

The challenge is available through MySJSM for 1 month (1st day of month until last day of month) at which time it will close and the answers submitted will be tallied. The answer to challenge becomes available along with a new challenge for the new month. This will continue until the end of December (or beginning of January) when a winner will be announced. Whoever has the most correct answers will be chosen. If there is a tie, prizes 1 and 2 will be awarded according to the explanation provided.

The students who get the top 3 correct answers on the challenge between May and December will get the following prizes:

First Prize: A ticket for Traditions Sailing Cruise (in Anguilla) and mention in the SJSM Newsletter

Second Prize: A \$50 gift certificate at Maliouhana Restaurant and mention in the SJSM Newsletter

Third Prize: Mention in the SJSM Newsletter

Student Government Association (SGA) Members

We would like to welcome our new SGA members in Anguilla and Saint Vincent and look forward to working with everyone.

Anguilla:

President - Vagn De Vera

Vice President - Devin Dickerson

Secretary - Natalie Russell

Treasurer - Ben Essick

Saint Vincent:

President – Alexander Veenstra

Vice President – Naquada Dundas

Secretary – To Be Decided

Treasurer – Foday Kanu

SJSM Sports (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

The 3 basketball pictures are from the tournament organized by Saint James Athletic Association (SJAA) in January 2019. SVG Police Academy won the first prize. SJSM won the second prize and were awarded medallions.

The dodgeball / football games were a friendly session organized by SJAA in February. SJSM played against All Saints Medical School. No prizes were given.



The picture is from a tournament organized by SJAA in February at Punkeez

restaurant. The winner was Usama from Saint James. Also seen in the picture are Zack and Kareem. The first prize included T -shirt, trophy and 50 EC dollars.

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