

# **JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER**

## **Graduation Ceremony 2019**

Congratulations once again to all those who graduated from SJSM and also made it to the Graduation Ceremony in Chicago on 5/31/2019. Please watch the video here. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGHL\_C8ZMj4

You can also view the pictures at https://goldgridstudios.shootproof.com/gallery/9537504/

#### NAB (National Accreditation Board)



The National Accreditation Board of Saint Vincent recently visited our Saint Vincent campus. As compared to previous years, this was a more detailed review of our campus activities. Despite the increased scrutiny, our campus staff and faculty performed extremely well and secured an excellent score from the board.

We really appreciate the hard work and effort of the entire staff, faculty and students who were involved in this process. Without their continuous support and help, we would not have been able to achieve these milestones.

## Billing for Fall - 2019



Please note that the charges for the Fall 2019 semester have been posted to the student's account and bills have been mailed to the appropriate addresses. Students can also view their entire financial account by logging into TopSchool. If you have any questions regarding your financial account, please contact our finance department by filling out a support ticket here:

https://www.sjsm.org/resources/financial-assistance/

## **New Medical Topics**



The Clinical science program has a new section on MySJSM-Clinical <a href="https://www.sjsm.org/clinicalmysjsm/">https://www.sjsm.org/clinicalmysjsm/</a>
This section will ensure coverage of topics that are of special concern to society and the practice of medicine. Each topic will have links to reading materials available through AccessMedicine and/or other sources. For example, with an aging population, the topic of geriatrics is becoming more important. We are planning to add short quizzes for each topic. It is expected that the addition of these topics will strengthen our clinical curriculum and also match requirements of the ACCM. Students are expected to start reading these topics as part of their weekly schedule.

# **MPOWER Financing**



We are pleased to announce a tie up with MPower, a leading financer of student loans. This is great news for Clinical students. This loan is open to students of all nationalities. Applying is easy, with no application fees.

MPOWER loans can also be used to pay for past-due balances (up to 180 days). For further details, please visit <a href="https://www.sjsm.org/financial-assistance/apply-loans/">https://www.sjsm.org/financial-assistance/apply-loans/</a>

## **New Faculty Appointment**

We would like to welcome our new faculty member, **Dr. Sunil Jonathan Holla**, MBBS, MS Anatomy in Anguilla. Dr Holla is currently teaching Anatomy and has more than 28 years of experience in teaching Gross Anatomy, Histology, Embryology, Genetics and Neuroanatomy. He was awarded a Fellowship in Medical Education by FAIMER in 2013.

## **Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG)**

One of our students, Amanda Ritchie (Anguilla) has started the EMIG. The goal is to hold monthly journal club skype sessions. ACEP, AAEM, and EM Residents send out publications with the latest research, and it would be the intent to dissect these articles and discuss their findings. The group will also involve the help from the students who already matched in Emergency Medicine. This will be beneficial to both Basic Science as well as Clinical Science students.

The journal club is open to those on the island with an interest in EM, who would then be able to be involved in the EMIG prior to even starting clinical rotations. For further details, please contact Amanda <a href="mailto:aritchie@mail.sjsm.org">aritchie@mail.sjsm.org</a>

#### New Student Information Management System



We are excited to announce that SJSM has successfully transitioned to a new Student Information Management System to a cloud based system called PCR Educator. The new system will offer a more robust student portal where you will be able to see your entire financial history, make payments, order transcripts, etc. You will be receiving the login credentials to the new student portal soon.

## **Christian Medical and Dental Association**

Our students, SGA and the Department Of Student Affairs recently attended the Leadership Conference organized by the Christian Medical and Dental Association in Saint Vincent. The conference was held on Saturday, 15th June 2019 at Frenches House, Kingstown.

Our students participated and some of the topics of discussion were:

- The Mindset of a Leader
- Discipline: An attribute of Great Leaders
- Communication and Interpersonal Relationship: an attribute of Great Leaders

Picture: MD1 students - Alison Spice and Josef

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