



JULY NEWSLETTER - 2019

20 Years Reflection



SJSM marked its 20th anniversary and continues to set the standard of excellence in research and medical education. How did Saint James School of Medicine begin its mission of fulfilling students' dreams? Let's take a glimpse of its journey through the eyes of the founder and CEO, Dr. Kallo Guha. <https://www.sjsm.org/2019/07/20-years-reflection/>

Happy 20th Anniversary, SJSM!

AAFP National Conference - 2019



Our Counselors attended the 2019 National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students, July 25–27, 2019 in Kansas City, MO which was conducted by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) The National Conference is a place for residents and medical students to learn more about family medicine, develop leadership skills, influence AAFP policy, explore residency programs, and connect with potential employers.



"I had an amazing experience at American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) 2019 National conference at Kansas City, Missouri. I met many program directors, residents, and coordinators from all over the country. It's a great place to network with Family Medicine programs. AAFP 2020 is from July 30 - August 1. It is totally worth the money and time. I highly recommend anyone interested in Family Medicine to attend AAFP Annual National Conference"

– Alison Zheng, USMLE Counselor



"The event was incredible! The expo itself was divided based on the States, like New York, California, etc., and residency programs from all across the US were in each division. You can walk throughout the entire expo and visit any state/residency you wish! There were residents, program coordinators, and even program directors there ready to meet students and potential residency applicants. Personality matters there so it is important to be yourself! This is your chance to be more than just a USMLE score or a grade, they get to judge you on how you are as a person and see if you are a good fit for their program! Everyone is very friendly and they answer any questions you have. I believe taking the time to go to these events, especially ones in the field you are looking to apply to, is important and will make you stand out in the already competitive residency application. Meeting with these programs will give you the extra edge for the application season and it will potentially get you an interview! I definitely recommend students to go and visit these events"

– Erblin Qosaj, USMLE Counselor

AAFP's largest Family Medicine Event



FMX is where education meets inspiration: Expand your knowledge through evidence-based, family medicine specific CME and earn Live credits on site, plus Self-study credits with FMX On Demand—a digital library of FMX courses—all included with your registration. Get inspired at main stage sessions featuring influencers in the medical community. Access the latest technologies and patient care tools in the Expo Hall. Connect with your family medicine peers through networking events.

Register by August 21, 2019 to get the Advance Registration rate. For details, please visit <https://www.aafp.org/events/fmx.html>

New Student Information Management System

We are excited to announce that SJSJ 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. Please note that we have recently transitioned all student information to the new database. You should have received the login credentials by now. If you haven't received it or if you need any assistance, please contact our IT department by filling out a support ticket on our website:

<https://www.sjsm.org/resources/support/>

Login credentials for Clinical students will be sent soon.

Billing

Please review your entire financial account carefully to ensure that that your account is correct. If you notice a discrepancy with your student account, please email financeoperations@mail.sjsm.org

However, please note that due to the high volume of calls during our busy season, response times are higher than normal. We strongly encourage you to leave a message and someone from Finance will get in touch with you. If you need to set up a payment plan, please send us an email at financeoperations@mail.sjsm.org and we will contact you to set it up.

Science Day (Saint Vincent)

July 29, 2019: Fourth Semester Students at the Saint James School of Medicine in St. Vincent conducted original research projects in partial fulfillment of their Research in Health and Medicine (RHM 3) course requirements. Five projects were developed by student teams from the Saint Vincent campus under the supervision of 5 faculty mentors. All proposals were approved by the campus Research Committees. On Science Day, student teams delivered 12-minute oral presentations, and displayed their digital posters on screen during the 3-minute Q&A sessions. The presentations were evaluated by 9 faculty judges.



First Place was awarded to 3 students for their presentations of the following project:

“The Anti-inflammatory and Therapeutic Effects of Cannabidiol Use in Treating Multiple Sclerosis; A Systemic Review” by Bameelia Toma, Hannah Parcel and Victor Longoria (Project 1)



Second Place was awarded to 2 students for their presentation of the following project:

“Learning Styles among SJSN Students” by Ryan Kim and Toyin Jibowu (Project 4)



Third Place was awarded to 3 students for their presentations of the following projects:

“Early Antiretroviral Therapy in Newborn Babies with HIV Infection; A Systematic Review” by Romaine Brown, Lamonica Hodges and Igram Rage (Project 5)

Project 1 - The Anti-inflammatory and Therapeutic Effects of Cannabidiol Use in Treating Multiple Sclerosis; A Systematic Review

Students - Bameelia Toma, Hannah Parcel, Victor Longoria

Mentors - Dr. R. Zeine

Project 2 - Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) in Athletes and Military Personnel; A Systematic Review

Students - Abanoub Awadalla, Foday Kanu, Amar Bhigroog, Lissa Alicius, Belinda Williams

Mentors - Dr. R. Zeine, Dr. B. Filipovic

Project 3 - Oxidative Stress Damage and H. Pylori Gastric Cancer; A Narrative Review
Students - Naquada Dundas, Aimon Ahmed
Mentors - Dr. A. Pryakhin

Project 4 - Learning Styles among SJSJ Students
Students - Ryan Kim, Toyin Jibowu
Mentors - Dr. A. Dusic

Project 5 - Early Antiretroviral Therapy in Newborn Babies with HIV Infection; A Systematic Review
Students - Romaine Brown, Lamonica Hodges, Igram Rage
Mentors - Dr. A. Dusic, Dr. V. Minakova

AMSA Health Fair

The AMSA Health Fair was conducted on July 27, 2019 in an orphan house in George Town – SVG.

Activities included taking vital signs, auscultation of heart and lungs, BMI assessment and a few other visual functions. They also educated everyone about oral hygiene and gave out toothbrushes to children. Students showed a very high level of professionalism, empathy and did their best to make the children happy. They are looking forward to doing something special during Christmas this year.





Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG)

In recent months, certain clinical science students have actively formed new interest groups for specialties that they are interested in specializing in. In doing so, they have created a platform for other students to engage with each other around topics, activities and issues pertaining to that specific specialty of medicine. If anyone is interested in joining any or all of these groups, please feel free to contact the following students for more information:

Family Medicine Interest Group – Alyssa Fairservice (afairservice@mail.sjsm.org),

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Internal Medicine Interest Group – Amjed Katmeh (akatmeh@mail.sjsm.org)

Emergency Medicine Interest Group – Amanda Ritchie (aritchie@mail.sjsm.org)