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Student Information System

Relocation of Student Request Forms: The student request forms (Transcript Request, LOA, Withdrawal/Transfer etc) have been moved to the PCR Student portal. This allows you to download and submit your request via the portal which in turn notifies the Registrar’s office.

You will receive a confirmation email once the Registrar’s office receives the request. Please be sure to use the portal for these requests. Below is the link to the Student Portal https://webapps.pcrsoft.com/clue/Student-Portal-Login/50340

Webinars on Internal Medicine and Family Medicine

Mercy Health - Rockford Memorial Hospital presented live webinars with their Program Directors on 9/11/2019 and 9/13/2019.

Webinars included:

• Discussion on topics like the Do’s and Don’ts of Residency Interviews
• Live interactive Q&A session
• Exclusive introduction to the Rockford Residency Programs for Saint James School of Medicine students.
Internal Medicine Residency webinar presented by Rockford Memorial Hospital’s Program Director, Dr. Harry Ginsberg.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wRFe8Ox4BBeiG93G8kQ0dsTYs1jx-M/view?usp=sharing

Family Medicine Residency webinar presented by Rockford Memorial Hospital’s Program Director, Dr. Alhang Sanyo Konyak.

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1tYV5TT1M1y9EPOPJY2onDXKmuOIT6v-B

We want to thank everyone who attended the Webinars. These exclusive Q&A sessions were recorded and the videos have been posted in MySJSM-Clinical as well as the links seen above. For additional information, please review the flyers (see below) from RMH about their Graduate Medical Education Programs.
**Semi-annual lottery for rotations at Mercy Hospital**

The Clinical Department will be conducting the semi-annual lottery for rotations at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center during the week of October 14 – 20, 2019. Mercy Hospital has been in affiliation with SJSM for over 15 years and has granted our students rotation opportunities, which have helped to obtain residencies in their Graduate Medical Education programs. As Chicago’s first chartered teaching hospital, Mercy offers residencies in Internal Medicine and OB/GYN, and is part of UIC’s Emergency Medicine program. Rotations in these fields have benefited our students for many years, and that is why we encourage all CS students to participate in the upcoming lottery. More information is posted in MySJSM-Clinical regarding how to participate in the lottery. Please be sure to check it out.

**SVG Health Fair**

The St Vincent students and SGA conducted a health fair on 9/28/2019.
**Faculty News**

Please welcome Dr. Sreenivaa Gadireddy, Assistant Professor, who has transferred from our Anguilla campus to Saint Vincent. He has been with SJSM for 4 years and is currently teaching Pathology.

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**USMLE Step 2 Review Program Partnership**

Saint James School of Medicine strives to provide its students with resources to excel at national examinations and subsequently, their residency. USMLE Step 2 CS is a very important consideration in all residency applications, therefore, passing this examination on the first attempt drastically increases the chances for a successful residency match. Unlike USMLE Step 1 or Step 2CK, the Clinical Skills examination is a timed exam focusing on student skills in handling mock patients.
In an effort to further enhance student’s readiness for the USMLE Step 2 CS, the school has partnered with the Art of USMLE, a well established USMLE Step 2 CS training program, to offer a special incentive only to students of SJSM. The program is run by an SJSM Alumnus, Dr. Stavros Vouyiouklis, an expert in preparing students for the Clinical Skills exam. Program is run out of his office in Lincolnwood, IL and is structured as a 5-day live program, conducted in small groups, where hands on experience in handling various types of cases and scenarios are presented and handled, just like in the actual Clinical Skills examination. The course will teach students to ask proper questions to the patients, arrive to the differential diagnosis, do a proper write up, and prepare a recommendation, all within the allotted time. During the five day course, students are expected to participate in 25 cases.

Saint James School of Medicine highly recommends that all students consider participating in this review program, as it will significantly increase students’ chances to pass the exam and match for residency. As a student of Saint James School of Medicine you will receive an exclusive 20% discount off the prices listed on the Art of USMLE website.

For more information visit artofusmle.com or call Office:(866) 985-8759 Direct:(312) 772-4713.

SJSM Finance

Michelle Gibbelina from Chicago office (Finance Department) visited SVG during the Fall Orientation. The finance department has made several improvements to better service our students. A few helpful pointers include:

Please submit a finance ticket for all issues. This ensures that your question will be answered and it maintains a record of your request.

Please utilize the student portal if possible. You can make payments & print statements, as well as perform many other functions. We would like to remind everyone about the transition to our new billing software. Unfortunately, many times during a transition, some small issues may pop up that need attention, so please be patient.
The invoices for the Spring 2020 semester will be issued by the last week of October. The due date for these invoices will be December 6, 2019. We ask our students to please submit finance tickets to request payment plans before this date. If you already know that you will be paying via payment plan, please do not wait until the last week before tuition is due to request your payment plan. The first $200 late fee will be assessed on December 7, 2019. The second late fee will be assessed on December 27, 2019. Please note that it is right after the Christmas holiday, so please plan accordingly.

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**My SJSM Story - Catherine C, MD**

Meet Catherine C, MD, as one of our successful alumni. Watch her SJSM story!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSvE6WajNcY&t=3s

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The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) National Conference & Exhibition is the premier venue for pediatric health care professionals to come together and share their passion for the health of all children. The meeting draws more than 10,000 professionals and offers over 350 sessions in 70 topic areas from interactive, hands-on workshops to thought-provoking plenary sessions. Access the Conference Schedule to view all education sessions, special events and meeting details. Non-member students can attend this event for just $25. For details please visit

https://aapexperience.org/registration/#top
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, please visit [https://www.iafp.com/family-medicine-midwest-conference](https://www.iafp.com/family-medicine-midwest-conference).