



December NEWSLETTER - 2019



2019 was an exciting year for Saint James School of Medicine! We celebrated our 20th anniversary with a variety of accomplishments. We added new state-of-the-art virtual dissection tables to our campuses to enhance our students learning experience, we matched more SJSM students into residency than any previous year, and we achieved accreditation from ACCM; which allows us to continue delivering a high quality education to our students and helping graduates continue to match for residency and practice medicine all throughout the US and Canada.

We would like to wish our students, staff, and faculty a very happy New Year and a successful 2020!

Saint James School of Medicine Gives Back:



This year, Saint James School of Medicine gave back to the St. Vincent community by donating bed sheets, saline, ultrasound gel, and medical supplies to five clinics. Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health Cuthbert Knights was on hand at a dinner SJSM hosted to accept the medical supplies on behalf of the five clinics. Knights said Saint Vincent is grateful to SJSM for providing the supplies to the island and has set the bar for further donations. Representatives from the school, including founder and president of SJSM Dr. Kallol Guha were in attendance.

The local newspaper Searchlight wrote an article about the donation, read it here:
<https://searchlight.vc/searchlight/news/2019/12/10/st-james-school-of-medicine-donates-to-mcmh/>

White Coat Ceremony:



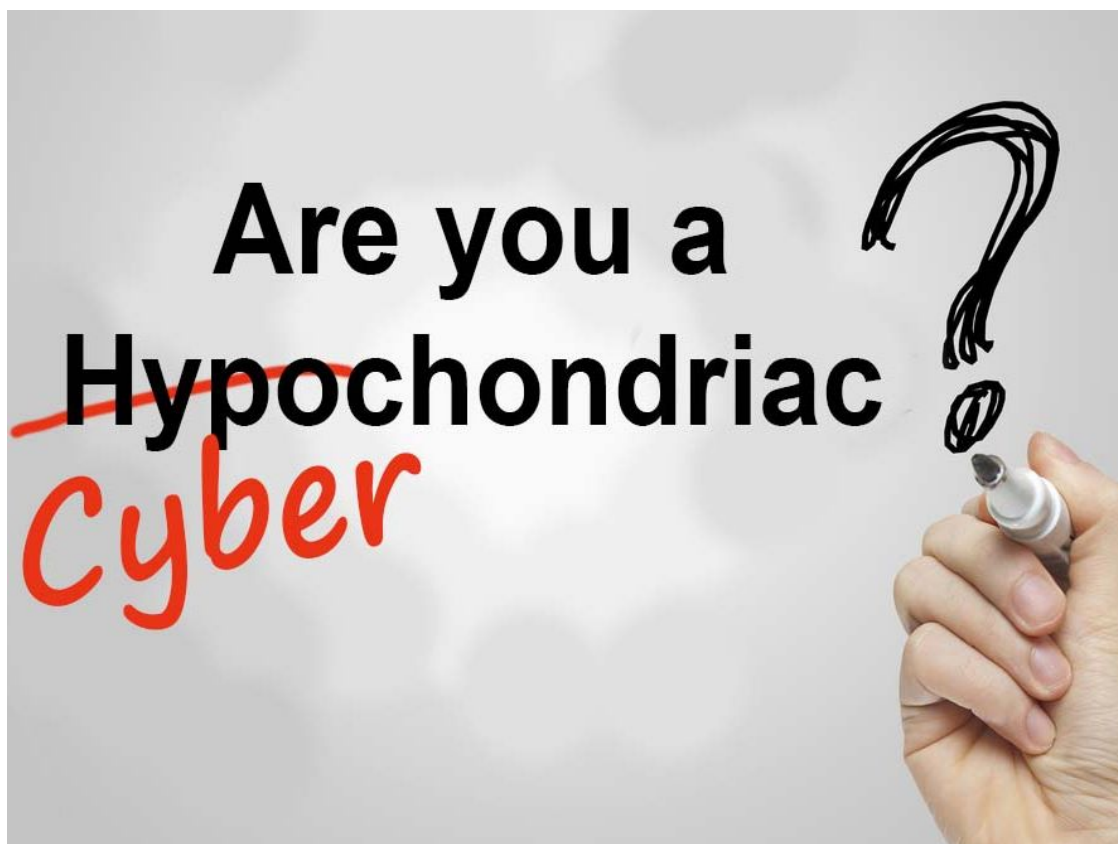
White Coat Ceremony of the 2019 Fall Class took place on Saturday 14th December, 2019, in the ceremonial hall of the Hotel Beachcombers.

Opening and closing remarks were made by the Dean of Basic Science, Dr. Alexey Pryakhin. The Master of Ceremonies was Mohamad Dimassi, an MD4 class student. The Dean of Students Affairs, Dr Mirjana Milutinovic also addressed the students and the Keynote Speaker was Dr Jennifer George. Students were led by Dr. Andreas Reymann to the recitation of the Hippocratic Oath.

The Ceremony concluded with a speech and award given by SGA President Andrew Winfield. The awards were recognition of student's engagement within SJSM and winners were picked through secret voting.

Exam Master Accounts:

We have noticed that some students have not logged in to take advantage of the free question bank option. Unused student accounts will be deactivated in the next few weeks, Students can always reactivate the account by sending an email to oscar@mail.sjsm.org



Many people seek information about particular real or imagined symptoms on the Internet. When their search increases their fear of the unknown, they are diagnosed with cyberchondria. SJSJ students and faculty investigated this new disorder. The results of their investigation are available in *Mohammed D, Wilcox S, Renee C, Janke C, Jarrett N, Evangelopoulos A, Serrano C, Tabassum N, Turner N, Theodore M, Dusic A, Zeine R. Cyberchondria: Implications of online behavior and health anxiety as determinants. Arch Med Health Sci [serial online] 2019 [cited 2019 Dec 16];7:154-62. Available from: <http://www.amhsjournal.org/text.asp?2019/7/2/154/273048>*

Clinical Research Elective:

Fourth year students have the option to explore clinical research as one of their elective choices. SJSJ currently has an affiliation with Lemah Creek Clinical Research in Melrose Park, IL under the supervision of Dr. Kathleen Ward, who has nearly 40 years of specializing in Cardiovascular Disease and Internal Medicine. The mission of her team is to advance the science of chronic disease prevention by conducting clinical trials. They focus on all aspects of the clinical trial process, from patient recruitment, patient outreach, patient retention, and network referrals to the completion of the PSSV, SIV, IMV, and COV. In this rotation, students will conduct trials with the highest ethical standards, making patient safety the number one priority. All of this is done with one goal in mind – to accelerate the process by which revolutionary treatments are developed. Students who are interested in strengthening their research skills and CVs can inquire about scheduling this rotation with the Clinical Department.

Indian High Commissioner Visit



On Tuesday, December 17, 2019, the Anguilla Chamber of Commerce hosted a familiarization meeting at the Chamber's office in The Valley, where Dr. K.J. Srinivasa was introduced to a cross section of the business community. Dr Iliou, the Dean of Basic Sciences as well as Dr Holla, one of our Professors from India, welcomed him to SJSM and gave him a tour of the facility. He also met with other members of the Indian community, some of whom are employees at various hospitality establishments on the island.

Dr. Srinivasa is the High Commissioner of India based in Guyana. In this capacity, he represents India in the islands of Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis (as well as Guyana) In addition, Dr. Srinivasa is India's Ambassador to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and has been named the Consul General of India to Anguilla.
