DR. NIELSEN ELECTED TO AMA

We are proud to announce that our own Nancy Nielsen, MD, PhD, was recently elected vice speaker of the American Medical Association's policy-making House of Delegates. She is the first woman to hold the position.

Dr. Nielsen was elected twice to the AMA's Council on Scientific Affairs and sits on its Executive Committee and Strategic Planning Task Force. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the National Patient Safety Foundation and works with the Commission for the Prevention of Youth Violence.

To learn more about the AMA, please visit www.ama-assn.org.

Goodbye and Good Luck Class of 2000!

Commencement exercises for the School of Medicine and Biomedical Science's Class of 2000 were held at the University at Buffalo's Center for the Arts on the afternoon of May 19. One hundred thirty-four medical students graduated along with 116 biomedical students who received masters and PhD degrees from UB and Roswell. Dr. David Satcher, Surgeon General of the United States and Assistant Secretary for Health, was the honored speaker.

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Save the Date! Save the Date! Save the Date! Save the Date!

Family Day will take place on Saturday, October 21. Your parents will receive information in the mail during month of September.
Minority Student Update
The Office of Minority Affairs would like to announce the following:

National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
Twelve students are participants in the 2000 Department of Pediatrics NHLBI Minority Summer Research Program. Four students are current medical school students at UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (SMBS), Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University and Howard University. Eight are undergraduates enrolled in various college/universities including Xavier University, University of Miami, Louisiana State University and University of Puerto Rico.

The program will run from May 31 to August 4. During the 10-week research and training program these outstanding minority students will work in the laboratories of distinguished senior faculty investigators and will participate in didactic conferences addressing developmental physiology and research methodology. Students will present their research on August 4, 2000 in Kinch Auditorium, Children’s Hospital, 11–3:30 p.m.

Summer Enrichment and Academic Support Program
Twelve incoming medical students are enrolled in this program which introduces them to medical histology and also the medical school environment. In the medical histology course, students are introduced to the ultrastructure of cells and the microscopic anatomy of tissues and organs of the human body.

Post Baccalaureate Summer Program 2000
The Associated Medical Schools of New York, a consortium of public and private NY Medical Schools, is conducting its tenth six-week summer program at the UB SMBS. Twenty students will participate in this 14-month program consisting of two summers and an academic year. The goal of the program is to increase the enrollment of qualified educationally or economically disadvantaged students graduating from medical schools in the State of New York. The program is designed to assist students in strengthening academic preparedness and to ensure successful medical school matriculation, including preparation for the Medical College Admission Test.

Medical STEP Summer Program 2000
Fifteen high school students will participate in the Medical STEP Enrichment Summer Series. During the summer component of the Medical STEP Program students volunteer in hospitals, or participate in academic research and clinical research projects. Nine students will participate in summer internships at Roswell Park Cancer Institute; one will intern at Children’s Hospital, West Side Clinic and five will complete summer research internships at the UB Department of Family Medicine.

Class of 2001:
Please call Kim at 829-2802 to arrange your Dean’s Letter appointment. Appointments will run through early September.

The ERAS administrators have announced that that access to the ERAS system will be delayed by approximately one month. The original plan called for applicants and Deans’ Offices to have limited access in mid-July, a month before the traditional opening of the ERAS Post Office. The ERAS Post Office and Application System should be fully open and accessible by August 15.

In an effort to remedy this delay, ERAS will be sending to the OME in July the following:
1) Worksheets which exactly mimic the questions and layout on the applicant software so you can gather information.
2) Letter of Recommendation Cover Sheets/Instructions so you can distribute them to the appropriate faculty.
They will also alert all residency programs that applicants will not be able to begin work on applications until August 15.

Class of 2002:
Orientation to Year III is mandatory and will begin on Monday, August 14 at 9:30am in G-26. Lunch will be provided and an afternoon session will follow; plan on spending the entire day at the school. Rotations will begin on August 15. Be sure to submit your PPD to the OME or you will not be able to start your rotations!

Class of 2003:
Orientation will take place on Monday, August 14 promptly at 8am in G-26 with a special speaker. Pathology class will immediately follow at 9am in Butler Auditorium. Lunch will be provided at noon.

Incoming Class of 2004:
Orientation will take place August 7-11. The planning committee has scheduled a week of educational and social activities to acquaint you with your classmates and the School. Orientation culminates with the traditional White Coat Ceremony on Friday afternoon when you are cloaked with your first white coat. Please look for a mailing from the committee with information including an important checklist and response form for the week.
**FALL CALENDAR FOR CLASSES OF 2003 & '04**

First Day of Classes: August 14  
Labor Day: September 4*  
Rosh Hashanah: September 30**  
Yom Kippur: October 9**  
Columbus Day: October 9**  
Thanksgiving Recess: November 22-24*

* No Classes (OME Closed)  
** No Classes (OME Open)

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**Asbestos Abatement Project at SMBS**

The asbestos abatement project underway in the Cary, Farber and Sherman buildings is moving along on schedule. The project entails removing the ceilings in these hallways and replacing them with modern acoustic ceilings and light fixtures.

If you've been on campus lately, you've probably noticed that during removal, small sections of the hallways are encapsulated and temporarily unavailable.

Signs are posted around the school indicating when each hallway will be encapsulated and unavailable; most sections are closed for less than a week. Getting around campus requires a little more effort, but fortunately we will all benefit from the work.

The project is slated to end on September 30, 2000 except for Phase 60 which will take place during the winter.
$ Extended Financial Aid Hours $

Extended hours for medical students will take place in August on the 15th and 29th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Please call 829-3724 in advance for an appointment.

Helpful Web Sites

MedCAREERS List of Specialty Organizations: www.aamc.org/medcareers/about/specorgs.html

Electronic Residency Application Service: http://www.aamc.org/eras/

National Residency Matching Program: http://nrmp.aacr.org/nrmp/

Fellowship & Residency Electronic Interactive Database http://www.ama-assn.org/cgi-bin/freida/freida.cgi

On May 4, the Student Committee on Teaching Awards presented the following Louis A. and Ruth Siegel Teaching Awards:

Pre-Clinical
Peter Ostrow, MD Pathology
Linda Duffy, PhD Social/Preventive Medicine
George Hajduczok, PhD Physiology
Frank Mendel, PhD Anatomical Sciences
Michael Duffey, PhD Physiology
Alan Reynard, PhD Pharmacology/Therapeutics

Volunteer Award
Howard Sperry, MD Medicine
Barry Weinstein, MD Family Medicine
Chris Kerr, MD Medicine/Hospice
Robert Kalb, MD Dermatology

House Staff & Special
Marsilia Seiwell, MD Gynecology-Obstetrics
Francis Whalen, MD Medicine
Pierre Giglio, MD Neurology
Gul Dadlani, MD Pediatrics
Dilip Dan, MD Surgery
Dinesh Arab, MD Medicine
Anthony Mato Class of 2002
Timothy Pardee Class of 2003

Congratulations to this year's winners for a job well done!
Organ & Tissue Donation

"Organ and tissue donations are a gift of life. Through such donations, we are able to prolong, save, or improve the lives of others. It is the most precious gift that any of us can ever make."

Why is there a need?
Tens of thousands of people are on waiting lists in every state and someone new is added every 16 minutes.

What organs and tissues can be donated?
The following organs can be donated: heart, kidneys, liver, lungs, intestines and pancreas. Some tissues that can be donated include eyes, bone, soft connective tissue, heart valves and veins.

How do they determine who receives the donated organs?
Regardless of race, sex or religion, organs are allocated based upon blood type, body size, time on the waiting list and urgency. Through a national computerized waiting list, a recipient list is available within minutes.

How can I become a donor?
1. Educate yourself on the donation process. Information is available by calling Upstate New York Transplant Services, Inc. at 716-85-DONOR or on their web site at www.unyts.org.

2. Make an informed and educated decision about your choice.

3. Sign an organ and tissue donation card. Call UNYTS for a donor card.

4. Most importantly, share your wishes of becoming a donor with your family and ask them to sign your donor card as witnesses. Your next of kin makes the final decision to donate your organs. Be sure they can help you carry out your wish to give the gift of life.

The information above was adapted from material provided by UNYTS.

"On-Call" Submissions

You may be familiar with the medical journal, "On Call", for medical students by medical students. The journal is currently delivered to approximately two-thirds of medical students across the country. "On Call" aims to serve as a bridge between medical students from different parts of the country and a forum for discussion about what it means to be in training to practice medicine. Look for your copy in the student mailroom or visit their web site at www.oncallnet.org.

The journal is always looking for interesting submissions from students in the following categories:

- Cover Art
- Features
- Specialty Spotlight
- Clinical Correlations
- Student Publications
- Around the World Narratives
- Poems, Illustrations and Short Stories
- Commentaries
- Opportunities
- Humorous Final Thoughts

You can submit your work via e-mail to: Oncall@Brown.edu or visit the web site listed above for more information.

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