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Health Professions Advising Programs

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Welcome Back!

This year is an exciting year for students interested in pursuing a career in the health professions. Katie Mechlin, WSU's premed advisor for more than 11 years, developed a program that proved beneficial to students interested in applying to medical school. With her recent retirement, the College of Science & Mathematics has initiated the expansion of these premed programs to include all health professions. Now, students interested in dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, physical therapy, pharmacy or physician assistant programs can gain additional assistance through these newly expanded programs. Admission requirements to professional schools are constantly changing and becoming more centralized. Students can get advice on course equivalencies, application processes and deadlines, test preparation, and interviewing skills. See the pre-health advisor for details!

"Intro to Health Professions" Workshop

Attention freshman, sophomores or transfers students: if you are interested in being a physician, veterinarian, dentist, optometrist, physical therapist, pharmacist, or physician assistant, you are strongly encouraged to attend one of the two workshops offered on the following dates:

October 9th OR 10th
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Student Union E163

Pre-Health Seminars

Each quarter, the Pre-Health Programs will sponsor seminars for students interested in the health professions. Professionals within our community will be invited to speak about their education, job responsibilities and the "pros and cons" of their careers. **All** students are encouraged to attend and receive valuable advice from these professionals. Our first one is:

September 24th; 6-7 pm
Room 101 Fred White Hall
Speaker: Jodi Sperber, D.O.

Refreshments will be provided and a raffle prize awarded.

Are you on the pre-health listserv? If not, email listserv@wright.edu and type in the body of the message "subscribe cosm-pre-med"

Did You Know.....

MCAT: The MCAT has undergone some significant changes over the last year. The new MCAT is now only administered on the computer and offered 24 times per year! In addition, the time required to take the test has decreased from 8.5 hours to only 5.5 hours. The new test contains 33% fewer questions and scores are posted within 4 weeks. If you have questions about taking the MCAT, please see the pre-health advisor.

Physical Therapy: Are you aware that physical therapy programs are transitioning to the doctoral level? It is anticipated that by 2010, 99.5% of programs will be accredited to award the DPT Professional Degree. The American Physical Therapy Association vision is that by 2020, physical therapy will be recognized by consumers and other health care professionals as the practitioners of choice to whom consumers have direct access for the diagnosis of, interventions for, and prevention of impairments, functional limitations, and disabilities related to movement, function, and health.

Criminal Background Checks: Law enforcement and federal government jobs are not the only professions requiring criminal background checks anymore. Mindful of terrorist threats and increased patient safety concerns in America's hospitals, many medical schools now conduct background checks on incoming students. Only applicants who have been interviewed and recommended for acceptance are subject to background checks. Students receive a letter of admittance pending a background check.

PreMed Website: We are currently working on reorganizing the premed website to include information regarding all the health professions. Students will be able to easily navigate through material specific to their health career interest. The new website should be available to students by November 1, 2007.

WSPS ~ Premedical Society

- Sept 17: First Meeting
6:00-7:00 pm; 101 Fawcett Hall
- Meet the officers and fill out your membership application
 - Review Fall quarter agenda
 - Sweatshirt orders
 - Talk to the PreHealth Advisor
 - Pizza, Pizza, Pizza!!!

Join M.A.P.S.

Minority Association of Pre-Med Students

Meetings on Tuesday at 6 pm (E103 SU)

Upcoming activities:

Med School tours
Physician/student mentorship
Community Service
Mock Interviews
High School panels

Contact: wrightstatemaps@yahoo.com

Pre-Vet Society

The pre-Vet Society will host their Fall quarter meetings on Mondays from 6-7 pm in room 204 BH. Several topics will be discussed at these meetings:

- plans for fall, winter, & spring quarters
- field trips
- speakers
- events
- fundraisers

If you are interested in attending the meetings or have further questions contact Angela Pummill:

pummill.3@wright.edu

Meet Your 2007-08 Peer Mentors

Laura Bonvillian is a senior **Exercise Biology** major, looking to get her **Doctorate degree in Physical Therapy**. She grew up in Celina, Ohio, and loves being with family, friends, and the great outdoors. She currently **works for Campus Recreation**, where she's learned valuable lessons that will help her in her future fitness and health-related careers. Laura has also been actively involved in the **Biology Club**. She recently took her GRE and hopes to get accepted into a physical therapy program beginning Fall, 2008. She is available to help answer questions from other students interested in a career in physical therapy. (bonvillian.3@wright.edu)



Roger Fecher, a senior **Biology/ Pre-Med** major, is currently conducting **research** under the supervision of Dr. Robert Fyffe (Comprehensive Neuroscience Center) as well as with Dr. Courtney Sulentic (Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology). Roger is involved in many activities throughout campus, especially with the **University Honors Program** where he has one many awards and scholarships. He recently was the recipient of the **Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship**, a very prestigious award given to students in fields of mathematics, natural sciences and engineering. Roger plans to pursue an **MD/PhD degree in neuroscience** and looks forward to meeting and working with other students interested in medicine and research. (fecher.5@wright.edu)



Angela Pummill is a senior **Biological Sciences** major with an interest in **Veterinary Medicine**. In addition to being a full-time student, Angel has also worked as a **veterinary assistant**, served as the **President of the WSU Pre-Vet Society**, and volunteered at a variety of nature and wildlife programs in the Dayton area. Currently, she is **applying to veterinary school** and hopes to be interviewed and accepted this year. Angela explored many medical career options before deciding on veterinary medicine and hopes to help other students going through the same process. (pummill.3@wright.edu)





Nick Squillace is a senior working towards his **Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences** with a **minor in Spanish**. During his freshman year, Nick began working in Dr. Allen Burton's Water Toxicity Lab as a **lab assistant** and continues to work there. During his sophomore year he began working for Residence Services as a **community adviser**. Last summer, he **studied abroad in Australia** and plans to participate in the Ambassador Program to Santiago, Chile to complete his minor in Spanish. He was recently elected the **Treasurer of Mac Users Group** and is currently applying to **dental school**. He looks forward to helping other students interested in a career in dentistry. (squillace.2@wright.edu)



Derek Broering is a senior **Biological Sciences major** with an interest in attending **medical school**. Derek has recently submitted his medical school application to the **Early Decision Program** at Wright State Boonshoft School of Medicine. He is involved in a variety of student organizations on campus, including the Biology Club, Ski Club, Mountain Bike Club, and the Pre-Medical Society. During the academic year, he **tutors** through the Wright State Tutoring Center and works as a ski instructor at Mad River Mountain during the winter season. He also **volunteers at St. Vincent Hotel and Bridge Riding for the Disabled**. (broering.15@wright.edu)

The Role of a Peer Mentor

Peer mentors serve as advocates to underclassman interested in pursuing a career in the health profession. They will be available to answer questions at workshops and seminars, student organization meetings, and one-on-one through email. They will also be providing helpful information via blogging on the premed/health website, and contributing to the health professions newsletter. If you'd like to know more about things such as "*how to get involved in activities*", "*what to expect during an interview*", or even "*how can you get health care experience*", contact your peer mentors!

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