

# Reed-Yorke HPAO Newsletter

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## Wendy's Reading Corner

### Articles:

NEJM: Physicians' Beliefs and U.S. Health Care Reform  
<http://healthcarereform.nejm.org/?p=1785&query=TOC>

NEJM: Obama's Vision and the Prospects for Health Care Reform  
<http://healthcarereform.nejm.org/?p=1805&query=TOC>

NY Times: The Patients Doctors Don't Know  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/02/opinion/02leipzig.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/02/opinion/02leipzig.html?_r=1)

NY Times: The Dog-Eat-Dog World of Applying to Med School  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/26/education/edlife/26medicalschooll.html?emc=eta1>



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## Centro de la Comunidad, Inc. in Baltimore

Centro is a great organization for Spanish speakers to volunteer with—they would get a chance to work on their Spanish while providing bilingual support in an organization that serves the health, education, legal, and other needs of the Baltimore Spanish-speaking community. Specifically in the education program:

Centro helps low and moderate income families find English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, provides volunteers to tutor students, assists in locating day care facilities, provides referrals to schools and special programs, promotes high school and college scholarship programs, assists parents in enrolling children in schools, makes referrals to adult education programs, and provides necessary in person and/or over the telephone translations/interpretation.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.centrodlc.org/index.php#>

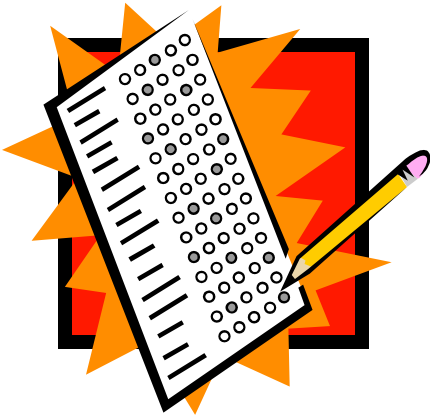
### Important Dates:

- Oct. 14th: Letters and Sciences Workshop, 0115 HBK @ 3p.m.
- Oct. 15th: Utilizing the HPAO Workshop, 1243 BPS @ 12p.m.
- Oct. 26th: JHU SOM visit, 0112 CHM @ 4p.m.
- Oct. 27th: Mt. Sinai SOM visit, ART/SOCY 3217 @ 5:30p.m.
- Nov. 11th: GWU SOM visit, 1103 BRB @ 4p.m.

## *Important MCAT Dates for 2010*

The dates for administration of the 2010 MCAT have been announced. The following link has the complete schedule: <http://aamc.org/students/mcat/reserving/mcatschedule2010.htm>

Registration will begin in November. Keep an eye out for updates at [www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org)

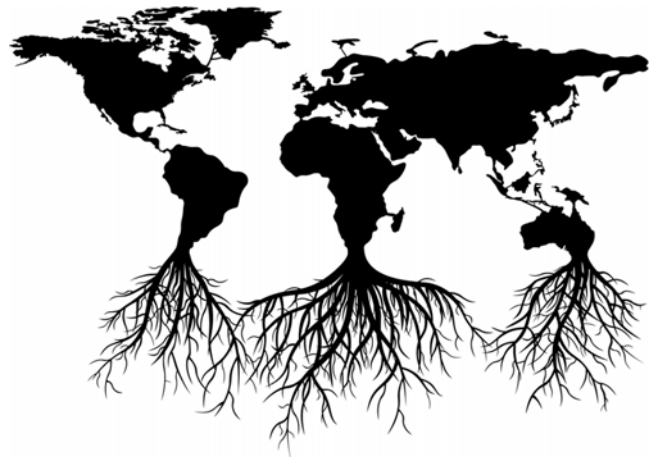


Students planning on applying for the 2011 application cycle should plan on having the MCAT/DAT taken by June of their junior year. Choosing a later date will delay processing of your application in two ways. First, the HPAO office will not complete your committee letter or forward your credentials packet until your scores are in. Furthermore, medical and dental schools will not look at applications until these test results are in.

Key point, take your MCAT/DAT by June!

## *Thinking About Applying to a Foreign Medical School?*

Students considering applying to foreign medical schools should educate themselves on the process and the issues they should be concerned with. The following article, written originally for the National Association of Advisors in the Health Professions (NAAHP), is a comprehensive look at important questions to ask when considering this avenue. The article covers many of the decisions a student will have to make both while applying to foreign schools, while at foreign schools, and issues that arise post graduation.



<http://www.naahp.org/resources ForeignMed Article.htm>

## *Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Visits UMD*

Johns Hopkins School of Medicine is scheduled to visit UMD on **Monday, October 26th at 4 p.m. in the Marker Seminar Room (0112 Chemistry Building)**.

The event is a reschedule from the event in the Spring that had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. Students will have to opportunity to ask questions about admissions, the medical school, and any other questions regarding Johns Hopkins. Please attend if you are interested in this school located in Baltimore, MD.



## *Mt. Sinai School of Medicine Visit*

The Mt. Sinai School of Medicine plans to visit the University of Maryland campus on **October 27th at 5:30 p.m. in Room 3217 of the Art/Sociology Building**. The purpose of the visit is to educate students on their medical school and associated programs / available resources.

## *GWU School of Medicine Visit Regarding GWEA*



The George Washington University School of Medicine plans to visit the University of Maryland campus on **November 11th at 4 p.m. in Room 1103 of the Biosciences Research Building**. The purpose of the visit is to talk to students about the George Washington Early Acceptance Program, which sophomores are eligible to apply for. Students are encouraged to attend if they are interested in the program and have any questions. For more information on the program, you can visit:

<http://prehealth.umd.edu/premedspecialprograms.html>

## *Alumni Advice Day, an Overview*

Alumni Advice Day happens once every year and is always a great resource for students. This year, the panel consisted of Dr. Elliott Alpher, Director of the Metropolitan Area Craniofacial Pain Center; Dr. Robert Beazley, an Emeritus Professor of Surgery and Endocrinology at the Boston University School of Medicine; Dr. Milford Foxwell, Associate Dean of Admissions at the University of Maryland Medical School in Boston; Dr. Andrea Morgan, the Dental Recruitment Coordinator at the University of Maryland Dental School; and Dr. Michael Rudolph, the Managing Partner Dentist at East Center Dental in Warsaw, Indiana. Each guest briefly discussed their path to either medical or dental school and the different roads they have traveled throughout their successful careers. It truly was a great event for students to learn from those who have already been through the process of becoming a health professional.

Missed the event? You're not completely out of luck. The health professions office keeps a record of alumni who have graduated from UMD and are working nearby. The data is kept in the Clinical Shadowing Book at the front desk of the HPAO office. This is a great resource for students to find a clinical shadowing opportunity nearby. Please be aware that this resource is not meant to be a first foray into the health care environment; rather, it is intended to be a resource for students who have already been exposed to the clinical practice environment in some capacity.

## National Physician Assistant Week, Oct. 6-12



National Physician Assistant Week just passed last week, October 6-12. Celebrated every year October 6-12, National PA Week is intended to support, celebrate, highlight, and recognize the significant impact PAs have made and continue to make in health care. It is an opportunity to promote public awareness of the physician assistant profession and to salute the outstanding growth of the PA workforce.

As health care reform takes shape in the coming months, it's only natural that PA Week 2009 has an advocacy focus. PAs stand ready to deliver care as part of a medical team. Increased awareness about the profession will allow policymakers to cultivate legislation that is inclusive of PAs and recognizes their vital role in effective health care delivery.

To learn more about physician assistantship, you can visit the following websites:

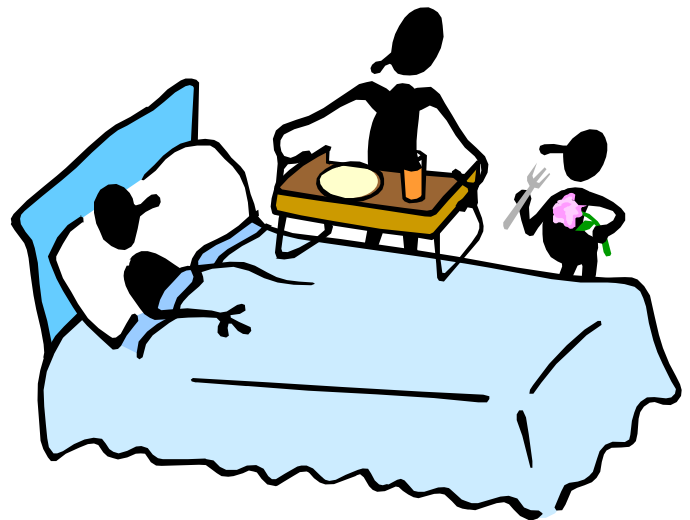
Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) : <http://www.paeonline.org/>

American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) : <http://www.aapa.org/>

## Volunteer Opportunities: UMMC

The University of Maryland Medical Center offers many opportunities to students interested in volunteering at the hospital. They work carefully with their volunteers to match their interests and talents with the needs that exist throughout the hospital. The UMMC offers year-round volunteer programs for students, those exploring their career options, and for anyone seeking the satisfaction that comes from helping others.

In addition to offering positions that involve direct health care, the hospital also has opportunities in the clerical, reception, and transportation fields. A list of some of the areas where their volunteers are currently working includes: Emergency Department, Nursery / Mother Baby Unit, OB/GYN Clinic, Shock Trauma Center, Medical Records Department, Radiology Department, Dental Clinic, Blood Mobile, Pharmacy, Psychiatry Department, Information Desk, Pathology Department, Patient Escort/Transport Services, and Flower Delivery Services. Placements are also available in other areas, so feel free to contact the hospital at 410-328-5600 to discuss further options.



For more information on how to become a volunteer, and the requirements involved, please visit the UMMC's Volunteer website at: [http://www.umm.edu/resources/vol\\_serv.htm](http://www.umm.edu/resources/vol_serv.htm)

# October-November 2009

| Sun | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri | Sat |
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| 11  | 12   | 13  | 14 <i>Letters &amp; Sciences Pre-Health Workshop, 0115 Hornbake @ 3pm</i> | 15 <i>Utilizing HPAO Credentials Service JR/ SR, 1243 BPS @ 12pm</i> | 16  | 17  |
| 18  | 19 <i>Dr. Brown, Dermatologist; Margaret Brent Room, SSU @ 5pm</i> | 20  | 21  | 22   | 23  | 24  |
| 25  | 26 <i>JHU SOM visit, 0112 Chem Building @ 4pm</i>                  | 27 <i>Mt. Sinai SOM visit, ART/SOCY 3217 @ 5:30pm</i> | 28  | 29   | 30  | 31  |
| 1   | 2 <i>Health Equity Week of Action</i>                              | 3   | 4   | 5  | 6   | 7   |

\*\*Please note, the Pre-health website has a Google calendar that can be synced with your Gmail account or with other calendar programs.

Please e-mail us with any comments or questions you would like to see addressed in the HPAO Newsletter!

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Find us online!

<http://prehealth.umd.edu>

## Health Professions Advising Office Mission

The mission of the undergraduate Health Professions Advising Office supports the overall objectives of the University of Maryland, particularly its commitment to health care education and the training of health care professionals for the 21st century and beyond.

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