There's nothing quite like New England during the fall...
In the spirit of the spooky, fun, festive season, we encourage you to share with us photos of your healthcare and/or STEM-related costumes. Who knows, you might just be featured on the infamous Instagram page...

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A PHOTO OF YOUR COSTUME!

Join us for our next Group Advising Session!
Thursday, October 20th 10:30AM-12:00PM via WebEx

Are you a first-year or new to being pre-med? Join us for an introduction to our office and advice on planning out your pre-professional journey! Please email our office (premed_predental@uconn.edu) with any questions.
Critical, Community-Engaged Medical Anthropology

Join the UConn Human Rights Institute for one or all lectures in this three-part series on "Critical, Community-Engaged Approaches in Medical Anthropology," sponsored by the Research Program on Global Health and Human Rights. Each lecture is hosted by an expert in the field.

If you’d like to join in person, head to Beach Hall - Room 404. Food will be served.  
If you’d like to join virtually, a Zoom link will be sent to you.  
Regardless of which modality you choose, please click here to RSVP!

Multi-gazed Ethnographies: Community Photographs and Narratives of the Heroin Epidemic in Colombia
Monday, October 17th 12:30PM-1:45PM
Hosted by Héctor-Camilo Ruiz-Sánchez, PhD, MPH

Activists/Scholars from Latin America at the Intersection of Medical Anthropology & Social Medicine
Monday, October 24th 12:30PM-1:45PM
Hosted by César Abadía-Barrero, DMSc

Grassroots Collaborative Ethnography & Archival Activism as Human Rights Research Strategies
Monday, October 31st 12:30PM-1:45PM
Hosted by Katherine A. Mason (Brown University), Heather Wurtz (UConn & Brown), and Sarah Willen (UConn).
Medical & PA School Student Panel

Monday, October 17th
7:00-8:00PM in McHugh 106

You’re invited to hear from a panel of students from PA and medical school! Hear about their experiences and ask them your questions—any student interested in a career in medicine is encouraged to attend. #UHLEvent10179

Please contact Ryan Treadwell (ryan.treadwell@uconn.edu) with any questions.

Get your questions about the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNE COM) answered!

Monday, October 17th
1:30-3:30PM in Rowe 420

Kate M. Dransfield, Recruitment Coordinator from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNE COM), will be available to chat with students. UNE COM is one of the top programs to which UConn applicants to osteopathic medical schools matriculate. Feel free to ask her all of your questions about osteopathic medicine!

Click here to view SHaW's Fall 2022 event calendar!

Student Health and Wellness advocates for the balanced and integrated emotional, social, and academic functioning of our diverse community.
DON'T MISS THESE ON-CAMPUS EVENTS!

**Fall Frontiers**

**Wednesday, October 19th**

5:00PM-7:00PM in **Wilbur Cross**

The 10th annual Fall Frontiers Poster Exhibition is a celebration that provides students an opportunity to share their work with the UConn community. This event is open to the entire UConn community. This is an Honors Event. Category: Academic & Interdisciplinary Engagement. #UHLevent10161

[ugradresearch.uconn.edu/fallfrontiers2022/](ugradresearch.uconn.edu/fallfrontiers2022/)

**Getting Started in Undergraduate Research**

**Friday, October 21st**

10:00-11:00AM in **Monteith 225**

Are you interested in research but not sure how to get started? Join the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) to identify your goals for your participation in research and to develop a strategy for pursuing research opportunities at UConn and beyond.

For more information or to see when the next workshop is, click here to visit OUR's website!

**Global Cultures Conference**

**Saturday, November 12th**

1:00-4:00PM in **BUSN 106**

By hearing from subject-matter experts, you will analyze Global Conflicts and Their Aftermath and how it impacts Economies & Governments, and Cultures. We will ask you to consider the following: How would you act in these situations as a leader? What is the best course of action? Attendees should walk away with the ability to understand the complexity of global relations.

For more information visit [fyp.uconn.edu/gcc/](fyp.uconn.edu/gcc/).
Attend a virtual Graduate Admission Panel!
Wednesday, November 9th 6:00PM EST

Click here to register

Join the Boston Health sciences group as they share knowledge and insight to help students interested in medical and healthcare programs navigate the graduate admission process. They aim to offer tips and techniques to producing a strong application and what kinds of questions students should ask when exploring careers in healthcare. Students have an opportunity to ask specific questions about the colleges and universities represented as they explore graduate education in healthcare.

Representatives from:

- BOSTON COLLEGE
  Connell School of Nursing
- Northeastern University
  Bouve College of Health Sciences
- MGH INSTITUTE
  OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
- Simmons UNIVERSITY
- HARVARD
  T.H. CHAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
- Regis COLLEGE

Advice from an Alum:
"You can do anything as a UConn student. All of the opportunities are there, you just have to put in the effort to find them. At a big school, you can easily get lost in the sauce. I wish that I would have spent time getting researching the opportunities at UConn and even outside of it."

—Sara Tavakoli (UConn Class of 2020 | Currently at Boston University School of Dental Medicine)
INTERESTED IN
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE?

Attend the world’s largest osteopathic medical conference!

October 27th through 30th | Boston, MA & Hybrid

Click here to register

Hosted by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), OMED is an annual medical conference bringing together thousands of osteopathic physicians, medical students, and other health professionals from across the country. There will be osteopathic physicians in attendance as well as representatives from many of the osteopathic medical schools. This is a great opportunity for students to say hello, get their faces out there, and get information. As this conference is taking place in our region of the United States - the networking there will prove to be invaluable. Plan to join virtually or in-person for a dynamic lineup of thought-provoking education sessions, networking opportunities and inspirational speakers. Email region1@studentdo.org with any questions.
VIRTUAL NON-UCONN AFFILIATED EVENTS:

Heart from a Medical Oncologist!
Monday, October 17th 8-9PM EST

Dr. Punam Rana is a medical oncologist in Toronto, Canada. Her hope is to educate and empower cancer patients and their families about lifestyle modifications that can help ease the challenging journey that is cancer. She completed a MS in Epidemiology, specialized through a breast cancer fellowship, and is a board member on the Pink Pearl Charity.

HEARTS4HEALTH.WIXSITE.COM/HEARTS4HEALTH

Learn more about Columbia's Narrative Medicine M.S. and CPA!
Thursday, October 20th 5PM EST

"Columbia’s MS in Narrative Medicine prepares health professionals, writers, advocates and scholars to apply the skills and values of narrative understanding to improve outcomes for both patients and caregivers, and to investigate issues pertinent to health and healthcare in a rigorous transdisciplinary setting. This flagship graduate program is the first of its kind, and is a worldwide leader."

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

SOME JONATHAN PHOTOS (AS A TREAT) TO KEEP YOU GOING WHILE YOU CONTINUE TO READ OUR LOVELY NEWSLETTER...
Learn more about Georgetown's MS in Physiology Program!
**Thursday, October 27th 8-9PM EST**
"The MS in Physiology program at Georgetown is a great opportunity for students who are interested in getting a master’s degree prior to going to medical school or other health professional schools, or any students that would benefit from additional knowledge and advising for health professional schools."  
**Deadline to apply: July 1st, 2023**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Learn more about Temple School of Dentistry!
**Monday, November 7th 4-5PM EST**
"As the second-oldest dental school in the U.S., the Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry upholds a legacy of innovation in dental education, research efforts, community service and pioneering healthcare services."  
**Attend this webinar to learn about admissions, program insights, ask any questions you that you may have!**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Learn more about Georgetown's MS in Pharmacology Program!
**Tuesday, November 15th 3-4PM EST**
Graduates of Georgetown’s MS in Pharmacology program have gone to health professional schools, and a good amount of our graduates have gone into the industry, including biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and consulting companies, as well as government agencies, and non-profit organizations.  
**Deadline to apply: July 1st, 2023**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
Applications for SHPEP Summer 2023 open up on November 1st!

The Summer Health Professions Education Program's (SHPEP) is a free summer enrichment program for students to explore their interests in medicine, dentistry, nursing, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, public health, and more. SHPEP’s goal is to strengthen the academic proficiency and career development of students underrepresented* in the health professions and prepare them for a successful application and matriculation to health professions schools.

These students include, but are not limited to, individuals who identify as African American/Black, American Indian and Alaska Native, Hispanic/Latino, and from communities of socioeconomic and educational disadvantage.

Visit www.shpep.org/ to learn more today!

Students who are not eligible for SHPEP are encouraged to explore the "For Students" section of the website, which includes pathway resources and other opportunities to gain research and clinical exposure.

Fun fact: Dr. Kristina Dortche (UConn Class of 2015, UPenn School of Medicine Class of 2020) was involved with SHPEP during her time as an undergrad!

Currently she is a resident in the Urology Residency Program at Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. To hear more from her, please visit our "Chat with Alumni" page on our website!
LOOKING FOR SUMMER 2023 OPPORTUNITIES?

Apply for the Maternal Child Health Careers/Research Initiatives for Student Enhancement-Undergraduate Program (MCHC/RISEUP)!

MCHC/RISEUP provides opportunities for public health education and experience to address health disparities and promote health equity. The goal of MCHC/RISE-UP is to promote a more diversified and equal health outcome system for citizens by introducing highly qualified undergraduate students (juniors and seniors with a GPA of 2.7 or better on a 4.0 scale, and students who received their baccalaureate degree within 12 months of beginning the MCHC/RISE-UP program) to the field of public health. All students interested in addressing health disparities are eligible to apply. Students who are members of underrepresented populations, as defined by the federal government (diversity.nih.gov/about-us/population-underrepresented), are strongly encouraged to apply.

Benefits:
1. A comprehensive orientation held at Kennedy Krieger introduces students to information on health disparities, men’s health, HIV/AIDS, obesity, cancer, community violence, infectious diseases, LGBTQ+ health challenges, and prevention of and treatment for drug abuse.
2. The experience allows students to select a leadership track (there are 3 options).
3. Students meet and work with experts in their respective clinical, community and research fields.
4. Students may attend a public health orientation seminar at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia (in-person/virtual).
5. A $3,500 stipend, transportation and housing may be provided.
6. Students gain experience presenting health and research information to colleagues and mentors.
7. Weekly distance learning seminars are offered throughout the summer.

Click here to learn more & apply!
Psychology-Focused Job and Research Opportunities

**Click here to view!**
If you’re a psychology major or post-bacc, be sure to check out the "October Newsletter with Job and Research Opportunities" compiled and shared by Yale Psychology’s Diversity Committee’s Outreach Listserv.

2023 MCAT registration opens on Tuesday, October 25th!

**Click here to view testing calendar**
For the state of Connecticut, registration will open up for January-June 2023 MCAT Exams on October 25th at noon EST. The MCAT Registration System will remain open for scheduling available dates after October 25th for any examinees who are not yet ready to schedule their exam.*

AAMC Fee Assistance

[www.aamc.org/fap](http://www.aamc.org/fap)
If you are interested in applying to the Fee Assistance Program, please allow at least 10 business days for your application to be reviewed before registration day. Fee Assistance Program benefits are not retroactive, which means you must be approved before the benefits go into effect.
Alumni Spotlight

"Do your research and make sure that this is the right career field for you. Not your family, not for Instagram, but for you!

It is an absolutely rewarding career field for those that have a genuine interest in it."

—DR. KLAIR LUBONJA

Dr. Lubonja was born and raised in Albania before his family eventually moved to Newington, Connecticut. In 2015, he graduated from UConn with a degree in Molecular and Cell Biology. During his growth years, he completed the UConn Post-Bacc Program and conducted research at the NIH as well as at Yale School of Medicine. Earlier this year, Dr. Lubonja graduated from the UConn School of Medicine and now currently, he is a general surgery resident at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

To hear more from Dr. Lubonja & other alum, visit our website!

That's it for now!

Stay tuned for our next newsletter...

Until then, stay in the loop with us by following us on Instagram: @UConn Premed Predental!