Only ten more days until Halloween... but who's counting?
JOIN US THIS UPCOMING WEDNESDAY 10/26 FOR...

Chat with Alumni

**DISABILITIES IN HEALTHCARE**

Omar Taweh is a third-year medical student at **UMass Chan Medical School** in the Population, Urban, and Rural Community Health Track. He completed his BS/BA at UConn in 2019 with majors in Physiology & Neurobiology, and Psychology, as well as a minor in Human Rights.

Before matriculating to UMass, Omar lived in Amman, Jordan studying the mental health of adolescent refugees on a Fulbright research grant. He is particularly interested in global health and Arab/immigrant/LGBTQ+ health. In his free time, he volunteers with the Worcester Refugee Assistance Project, enjoys long runs that make his thighs sore, and creates surreal photographic art.

Raven Vella graduated UConn in May of 2020 with a BS in Biophysics and Structural Biology as well as a BA in Spanish. Currently, Raven is a G1 at The **Ohio State School of Medicine Medical Scientist Training Program** (OSUMC MSTP). Raven has completed the first two years of medical school and is now working on her PhD; she will return and finish the last two years of medical school after her doctoral defense in 2026.

Her work focuses on identifying novel drug candidates and biomarkers for cancer treatment. As an undergraduate, Raven was involved with America Reads, Collegiate Health Service Corps, and undergraduate research. She currently serves as the Social Chair for the OSUMC MSTP and is involved with recruitment to the program. In her free time, Raven enjoys playing sports, hiking, and traveling (especially, to go to museums).
Anusha Attre (she/her) recently graduated from UConn in May 2022 with a BS in Molecular and Cell Biology. She is a current applicant in the 2023 medical school application cycle and works as a medical assistant at an OB/GYN practice.

While attending UConn, Anusha was involved in public health initiatives related to COVID-19 including contact tracing and data analytics, embryology/developmental biology research, microbiology research, leadership on campus, mentorship, and advocacy for students with “invisible illnesses.” She’s excited to discuss the role she plays as a disability advocate within academia and her clinical position, her path as an undergraduate student at Storrs, and her interests in Formula 1 racing and soccer. She is also happy to provide any advice or mentorship as a recent graduate.

Carly Malesky is a second-year medical student at UConn School of Medicine. She completed a dual degree at UConn in 2021 with majors in Physiology & Neurobiology and Psychology.

During her time at UConn, Carly was involved in Community Outreach and served as program director for Camp Horizons, working with individuals with developmental disabilities. Carly is currently president of the Disabilities Interest Group at UConn Health and serves on CT’s Accessible Medical Diagnostic Equipment Task Force.

During her summers, you can find her working at her local ice cream shop, running by the beach, or volunteering at Camp Promise, a weeklong sleep away camp for individuals with neuromuscular disorders.
IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SPOOKY SEASON...

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!

HuskyTHON Fall Fest
Friday, October 21th
3:00PM-6:00PM on Fairfield Way

This event is a farmer’s market/carnival-style event, with student vendors, food trucks, craft activities, trick-or-treating, and more! It is the perfect opportunity for your organization members to enjoy an afternoon together outside, decorate pumpkins for their room, and student vendors, and connect to Miracle Children at Connecticut Children’s.
Hey seniors: Are you debating applying for your Master's v. a Post-Bacc Program? Are you wondering which is right for you? One of our (recently graduated) Peer Ambassadors has got you covered! Keely Greiner graduated with her degree in Health Systems & Disparities this past May from the Honors Program. Currently, she’s finishing up her Master’s of Public Health in the FastTrack program.

CLICK HERE TO READ: "MASTER'S V. POST-BACC?"

UCHL APPLICATIONS: OPEN NOW!

Applications are due November 23rd, but interviews are (as of this new cycle) being offered on a ROLLING BASIS... so get your application in sooner rather than later!

University of Connecticut Community Health Leaders (UCHL) is a longitudinal program that aims to expose pre-health students to clinical experience, community service, and professional development. Volunteers will spend 4 hours a week working in a primary care clinic to assist patients during wait times. They will educate patients on health topics such as smoking cessation, diet, and exercise counseling and they will assist patients in having better access to care.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE & APPLY!
DON'T MISS THIS IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL UCONN EVENT!

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 in virtually, a Zoom link will be sent to you.
- Regardless of whether you will be tuning in via Zoom or attending in person, please click here to RSVP!

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 anthropologists work to understand the diverse factors influencing variability and universality in health and disease experiences across human populations and across time."

- "Medical Anthropology: A Biocultural Approach" by Andrea Wiley and John Allen
Research Routes: Discovering Pathways to Research

Wednesday, October 26th
5:00-6:00PM in HBL Class of 1947 Room

Join the OUR Peer Research Ambassadors for a casual and interactive discussion about their undergraduate research experiences and the steps they took to get involved. Panelists range a large number of disciplines, including MCB, PNB, Engineering, English, Philosophy, and Political Science.

Krista Rogers (Advisor) & Yulianny (Peer Ambassador + Pre-Med Senior) at the Hartford Research Connections event recently!
**Global Health Hackathon 2022**

**November 11-12 in Werth Tower**

You’re invited to explore the ways we can innovate solutions to improve the health of those impacted by extreme climate and natural disasters. All majors welcome! No CS background necessary. Cash prizes, food from Moe’s, Insomnia, Sergeant Pep’s, Dunkin’ and more!

**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/.

**MAPS General Body Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 25th**

6:00-7:00PM on **WebEx**

Join the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS) for a conversation about getting started in undergraduate research. Dr. Scanlon, their guest, will discuss ways to get involved with undergraduate research, and tips on how to network and navigate research opportunities at UConn.

**Link to join on WebEx is here:** https://uconn-cmr.webex.com/meet/aat18009
Virtual Non-UConn Affiliated Event:

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
  Bouvé College of Health Sciences
- MGH Institute of Health Professions
- Simmons University
- Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- Regis College

Advice from an Nour:

"Feeling enthusiastic about a specific course, but it does not fit your major’s requirements? Take it! Feeling hesitant to change your major to a major that you are genuinely passionate about? Why not, since you are still contributing to diversity in the health field by bringing an interdisciplinary view to medicine."

Click here to read more of Nour’s blog post on following your passions. She's one of our 4 Health Professions Peer Ambassadors & she’s here to help YOU succeed!
INTERESTED IN OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE?

Free registration for students! (save $1149)

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.
The goals of the conference are to: (a) expose high school and undergraduate college students to the vast opportunities for careers in medicine; and (b) to educate students about healthcare issues disproportionately affecting minority populations and the importance of diversity in medicine and healthcare delivery in general.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER BY NOV 11
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**

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VIRTUAL NON-UCONN AFFILIATED EVENTS:

3rd Annual International Medical Student Radiology Symposium

Saturday October 22nd
11am – 6pm EST / 8am – 3pm PST
Hosted virtually via Zoom (Registration Required)

Featuring:
- Keynote Talks
- Radiology Grand Rounds
- Radiology Subspecialty Talks
- “Life of a Radiologist” Q&A
- Poster Session -- now open for submissions
- DR & IR Residency Program Director Panel
- Radiology Resident Panel
- Radiology Research for Medical Students

Use the QR code for Symposium Registration

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VIRTUAL NON-UCONN AFFILIATED EVENTS:

Keynote Speakers:

The Value, Impact, & Joy of Radiology
Eric vanSonnenberg MD
Professor of Radiology
University of Arizona-Phoenix

Radiology for the Underserved
Michelle Dorsey MD
Clinical Assistant Professor
University of Arizona-Phoenix
Director RAD-AID Bangladesh

Innovation in IR & Partnering with Industry
Michael Dake MD
Senior Vice President for Health Sciences University of Arizona

Radiology for the Underserved
Michelle Dorsey MD
Clinical Assistant Professor
University of Arizona-Phoenix
Director RAD-AID Bangladesh

Radiology Research Opportunities for Medical Students
Richard Towbin MD
Professor of Radiology
University of Arizona-Phoenix

Radiology Grand Rounds: Diagnosis & Cure
Peter R Mueller MD
Professor of Radiology
MGH Harvard

Radiology Subspecialty Talks
Breast: Anne Hoyt MD, UCLA
Neuro: Mark Mamlouk MD, Kaiser/UCSF
MSK: John Carrino MD, Hosp Special Surgery
IR: Kevin Hirsch MD, UACOM-P
DR/IR Private Practice: Amrit Hansra MD, Washington Hospital

AI & Radiology Research: Student Perspective
Diep Nguyen MD, UACOM-P

“Life of a Radiologist” Q&A
Cheryl Hoffman MD, UCLA
Carrie Schaefer MD, Phoenix Children’s Hospital

Radiology Residency Program Director Panel
Payam Massaband MD, Stanford DR
Juliana Tobler MD, Cincinnati DR
Ron Arellano MD, MGH Harvard IR
Quinn Meisinger MD, UCSD IR

Hands-On: The Many Ways to Do IR
Shivraj Grewal MS4, UACOM-P

Resident Panel
Manroop Kaur MD, Yale DR
Phil Cheung MD, Stanford IR
Eyal Ron MD, Mayo DR

Organizing Committee:
Greg Sprout MS3, Easton Neitzel MS2, Shiv Grewal MS4
Nick Groth MS3, Avery Williams MS3, Jordan Mackner MS1, Danielle Wenger MS3
Garrett Trang MS2, Amal Altaf MS2, Joshua Willis MS2, Kaiden Porter MS2

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INTERESTED IN OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE?

The Latino Medical Student Association

The 50th Annual LMSA Northeast Conference

Friday, January 27th: 6:00-8:00 P.M.
Saturday, January 28th: 12:30-2:00 P.M.

"On behalf of the Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) - Northeast and our host, the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, we proudly announce LMSA's 50th Annual Northeast Regional Conference. This year's theme, "Un Futuro Para Todos: Highlighting Latino Innovation, Service, and Leadership in Medicine," aims to celebrate individuals who have pioneered a path forward for all Latinos in healthcare.

Planning the 50th anniversary of our marquee event has been a privilege. We are incredibly excited and humbled to invite you all to this historic celebration! Ultimately, we hope this weekend celebrates, supports, and inspires a diverse and multicultural physician workforce capable of leading our country toward a more equitable and just future."

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
Applications for PEEP Cohort 2022-2023 are now open!

"PHD’s Peer Engagement and Enrichment Program (PEEP) is a graduate pipeline program for undocumented students pursuing health professions. The program’s design supports students with complex immigration statuses such as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and Temporary Protective Status. Participants pursue health-related programs such as medical school, physical therapy, nursing, etc. Each profession has barriers: background checks, restrictive admission requirements, and inequitable support in schools.

PEEP shapes and trains competitive applicants to break barriers that undocumented students face. Our program focuses on empowerment, self-advocacy, story sharing, and professional skills."

An eight (8) month long peer mentoring program aimed to support undocumented individuals interested in health professions.

- Program participants will have online-based gatherings from January 2023 through July 2023.
- Individuals will be able to share resources, knowledge and attain support in a safe environment.
- Additionally, participants will learn and practice skills that will prepare them for the application process to their specific graduate and professional health program.
- Lastly, participants will learn about community building and partake in informational and advocacy projects geared towards health and educational access for the undocumented community.

Deadline to apply is January 4th, 2023

VISIT WWW.PHDDREAMERS.ORG/PEEP TO LEARN MORE TODAY!
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/](http://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!
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!
LOOKING FOR A GROWTH YEAR OPPORTUNITY?

Want to make a difference in the lives of young children?

"The Hands of Hope House Parent Program at Casa de Esperanza provides recent college graduates first-hand experience caring for emotionally and medically fragile children. House Parents commit a year to live and work with the children living in the agency foster homes and undergo extensive training before caring for children. This is an ideal gap year opportunity for pre-med/pre-health students."

- **WHAT WILL I BE DOING?** Everything necessary to properly and safely care for, advocate for, and meet the daily needs of four to five children placed in your home.
- **WILL I BE DOING THIS ALONE?** No! The community is made up of ten homes in a gated neighborhood with approximately six (6) House Parents in each home.
- **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?** In order to be considered, you must have the ability to make a one-year commitment, be 21 years of age at the time of arrival, be willing to work closely with children with behavioral and developmental challenges, and pass a background and drug test. Valid U.S. driver’s license is also preferred.
- **HOW WILL THIS HELP MY FUTURE?** A service year as a House Parent gives you the opportunity to gain hands-on experience learning the role abuse, neglect, and the effects of HIV play in the lives of some of our most vulnerable children. You will be working directly with therapists, specialists, and social workers to meet the specific needs for each child, exposing you to several career options for the future.

**Click here to learn more!**

**Click here to apply!**
MISCELLANEOUS:

BSCP Newsletter

Click here to view the latest one!

The Biomedical Science Careers Program (BSCP) was founded in 1991 with the aim of increasing the representation of underrepresented minority and disadvantaged individuals in all facets of science and medicine while helping health care institutions, biopharma/biotechnology firms, educational institutions, professional organizations and private industry members meet their need for a diverse workforce.

SHAW: Fall 2022

Click here to view what events SHaW is offering this semester!

Student Health and Wellness advocates for the balanced and integrated emotional, social, and academic functioning of our diverse community.

me, ready to chase my dreams of becoming a doctor, one day at a time

You're going to become a doctor?

What like it's hard?
Pre-health students should consider studying abroad just like any other student would! Even though class schedules may be more a bit more inflexible, given the course prerequisites one must take, it is still absolutely possible to study abroad. If you are able to work out a course plan in conjunction with our office, your major advisor, and the Experiential Global Learning Office that will allow you to fulfill all of your necessary coursework requirements and study abroad, we encourage you to do so.

Click here to learn more about the possibility of study abroad!

That’s it for now!

Stay tuned for our next newsletter...

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