



IN BRIEF

News Roundup for Lewis Katz School of Medicine Students

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LCME Site Visit: March 5-9, 2017

The time has finally arrived. After over two years of preparation by faculty, students, staff, and administration, the LCME survey team will arrive on Sunday, March 5th. As you know, hundreds of pages of documents were submitted in December; documents that provide a detailed description of our entire medical school program. The visitors will be here through March 9th, holding meetings with a variety of groups of student representatives, faculty, and administration. Topics to be discussed include the medical school education program, student support services, learning environment, faculty and leadership, diversity, facilities, and clinical resources. The team will submit a report to the LCME, whose official decision will be issued in June 2017. We want to thank everyone who has taken part in this very important work. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

We are excited to host our colleagues and tell our LKSOM story—one of outstanding academics, commitment by our staff, faculty and leadership, and of course, our incredible caring and compassionate students.

We believe we have much to be proud of here at LKSOM—we hope you feel the same. We hope you will all be on campus during the week of March 6th, as our site visit team tours the facilities and learns more about LKSOM.

Career Counseling Corner

Match Day 2017

Friday, March 17th

11:00 a.m. – Class of 2017 Meeting, Luo Auditorium, MERB 105

11:45 a.m. – Distribution of Envelopes, Maurice J. Stone, MD Commons

12:00 p.m. – Match Results, Maurice J. Stone, MD Commons

Best of luck to our senior class!

Student Insurance: What You Need to Know

Health Insurance

It is medical school policy that all students are required to carry health insurance. As a medical student you have the following options:

1. Enroll in one of the University-sponsored plans or
2. Provide proof of coverage from an outside insurance company. If you have coverage from an outside insurance company, you **MUST** complete a Waiver of Insurance and Certification of Outside Health Insurance Coverage form during the open enrollment period.

Health Insurance Options:

University-sponsored plan options, monthly premiums, enrollment/waiver process, and student health insurance requirements can be found on the HR website at: <http://www.temple.edu/hr/students/index.html>

Health Insurance Billing:

If you elect any type of coverage during the open enrollment period, a bill will be sent to the address you provided during the enrollment process. You will be responsible for paying the monthly premiums directly to Independence Blue Cross.

Loss of Outside Health Insurance:

If outside health insurance is lost for any reason, you should contact Jacquee Lukawski at jlukawski@temple.edu or (215) 707-1630.

For questions about open enrollment or your health insurance bill, please visit the Independence Blue Cross website at https://www.ibx.com/temple_students. You may contact the Benefits office at (215) 926-2270 or via e-mail at studentinsurance@temple.edu, or call 1 (888) 516-8309.

Student Accident Insurance

All medical students are enrolled in a supplemental accident plan that reviews incidents such as needlesticks, sharp injuries, etc. The claims administrator of this policy is *A-G Administrators, Inc.* **The student accident policy is not a health insurance plan.** It is a supplemental policy that only covers injuries that result from an accident while performing required academic activities, and it coordinates the payments made from your health insurance.

If you sustain an injury as a result of a required academic activity, you must submit a claim under the student accident policy. To file a claim, you will need to complete a [student accident claim form](#), making sure to provide information about your health insurance. The claim form must be submitted within 30 days of the injury date.

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For questions regarding Student Accident Insurance, please contact **Geralyn O'Kane** at (215) 926-2280 or the Benefits Department at (215) 926-2270. For further information on the Student Accident Insurance plan, please visit: <https://www.temple.edu/hr/students/accident.htm>

Long-Term Disability Insurance

Long-term disability insurance is provided for all full-time medical students. The plans are provided by GE Group Life Assurance Company and are administered through the Benefits Office at Temple University. Students needing assistance filing a claim for disability insurance coverage should contact **Joanne Handler** at joanneh@temple.edu.

Long-term insurance protects you from loss of income in the event that you are unable to work due to illness, injury, or accident for at least six months. Causes of long-term disability claims may include:

- Musculoskeletal/connective disorders
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular/circulatory
- Mental disorders
- Nervous system-related
- Complications from pregnancy and childbirth

Benefit eligibility begins after 180 days of disability. For more information, visit <https://www.temple.edu/hr/students/healthinsurance/disability.htm>.

Liability Coverage for Medical Students

Temple University administers its liability insurance program through the Risk Management and Insurance Department. The following information (see next page) addresses liability coverage for medical students enrolled in the Lewis Katz School of Medicine, as it relates to curricular and noncurricular activities.

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Curricular Programs

Temple University provides students with liability coverage for programs taken for curricular credit whether at Temple University Hospital, at an affiliated institution, or while on an external rotation if registered as a student. Liability coverage is also provided when an external rotation is taken for curricular credit at an institution that is not affiliated. Further questions regarding student activities, summer work projects, or volunteer activities should be directed to the Office of Student Affairs. Further questions about curricular issues should be directed to the Office of Medical Education.

Student Organizations

Temple University provides liability coverage to student organizations of a professional nature, but not to social and/or sports organizations unless those social organizations are taking part in a professionally related activity like health screenings. Examples of professional student organizations include Student Council, TEAC, Temple Cares, Prevention Point, AMSA, and SNMA. Examples of social and/or sports organizations include Soccer and Basketball. The University liability program applies only to registered student organizations. Therefore, it is highly desirable for all student organization to register with the Student Activities Office located on the first floor of the Student Faculty Center. Registration materials can be obtained there. Any student organization undertaking an activity in the community must first obtain approval from the School of Medicine. We would urge you to consult with the Office of Student Affairs for guidance and for information about the potential need for an informed consent waiver form. Only approved community activities will have liability coverage provided by Temple University. Liability alleged to result from nonapproved community activities is not covered.

Research/Volunteer Work

Students working on research or as a medically related volunteer at Temple University Hospital or at an affiliated institution at the direction of Temple, whether in a paid or volunteer capacity, are provided coverage under the University's liability insurance policy. Examples of this include students working on a summer research project in a clinical department through the work-study program at Temple University Hospital or volunteering at Temple University Hospital. Students who are directed by Temple University to work at affiliated institutions are also provided with liability coverage. However, without specific approval from Temple University through the Offices of Education or Student Affairs at LKSOM, liability coverage does not extend to student research/volunteer activities at nonaffiliated institutions. Before undertaking any such venture, it is advisable that students check with the institution/organization regarding professional liability insurance coverage and, if need be, the LKSOM Office of Student Affairs.



Students commented that, while in-person attendance is required in only some of the 1st- and 2nd-year learning activities, i.e. doctoring and CRCs, our method of taking attendance was cumbersome. We recently introduced an electronic attendance system through which students, after being provided a password, can “check in” and note their attendance via cell phones or other electronic devices. We will continue to work to find ways to expand this e-attendance system to all required activities.

Alpha Omega Alpha Honors

The Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society was founded by a small group of medical students at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago in 1902. Modeled after Phi Beta Kappa, the founders wrote in the constitution of AΩA: "The mission of AΩA is to encourage high ideals of thought and action in schools of medicine and to promote that which is the highest in professional practice." They defined the AΩA motto, "Be Worthy to Serve the Suffering." Most importantly, they decreed that membership in AΩA was to be based on both scholarly achievement and professional conduct.

AΩA has 128 chapters in medical schools throughout the United States and has elected more than 150,000 members since its founding. Students are chosen from the top of their graduating class for election and are picked not only for their high academic standing, but for leadership among their peers, professionalism and a firm sense of ethics, promise of future success in medicine, and a commitment to service in the school and community.

Each year, in addition to students, chapters are encouraged to select faculty members and alumni/alumnae for election to the society. These individuals are held to the same high standards of membership and must show excellence in scholarship, high professionalism, leadership, and gifted teaching. This year, we are proud to announce that **Dr. Denise Salerno**, Director of our Doctoring Course, was elected as the faculty initiate, and **Dr. Gina Simoncini**, a longtime member of our Doctoring faculty, was elected as our alumna initiate. These honors are a great testament to their exceptional teaching and leadership skills as well as to their exemplary professionalism. We congratulate them both.

Narrative Medicine Happenings



On the evening of February 22, LKSOM hosted its first ever Story Slam. Not only was there great food provided by Tierra Colombiana, but students, residents, and faculty shared stories of their own doubts, failures, struggles and successes. They looked inside themselves and brought out things that were very unexpected, and in fact, exhilarating and surprising. Congratulations to fourth-year student **Tyler Rainer**, who won the first prize \$150 gift certificate to Wm. Mulherin's Sons, a hot new restaurant in Fishtown, for her story, "Tattoo Graveyard." There's a real community that is created by sharing stories. The Story Slam was class captured. To listen to all 12 storytellers, you can use this link:

<https://capture.temple.edu:8443/ess/echo/presentation/0fe9bf7a-04ee-40b8-8afe-59098712e107>

Also, make sure you check out the new exhibit, "Neighbors of North Philly," on the first floor of MERB. Students in a narrative medicine elective offered this fall captured the stories and photographs of people in the community (see example at right). The end result is captivating!



Sabrina Shuford, 23, was taking a break from her job as shampoo assistant at Hair Forever Unisex. Her tattoos caught our attention. "I love cheetah and leopard print," she said. Ms. Shuford has worked at salons in North Philadelphia since age 12, and she radiated such warmth and optimism talking about her dream to own her own salon one day. "I care about reaching my success," she said. Her advice for future Temple doctors: "In this area? Be careful! But you'll do good ... be cool."

Reminders from Student Financial Services

The 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available and should be filed as soon as possible. Please be sure to use 2015 income information again, as the Department of Education has moved to a prior-year income format. Using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool is strongly recommended, since that will ensure the most accurate income information is used. 2017-2018 financial aid award notification emails will be sent in late March/early April.

Financial Literacy assignments for the Spring 2017 semester for all classes have been announced and due dates have either passed or are approaching. Please submit the required assignment(s) as soon as possible. You will receive a confirmation email shortly after submission. Reminders will be continually sent until the assignment is submitted.

Don't forget to re-evaluate your budget! If you need to make adjustments to your student loans, we are here to help you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us via phone, e-mail, or in person in 329 MERB.

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