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LCME Update: Resurvey for Independent Student Analysis

As our school finalizes the paperwork for reaccreditation by the LCME, this is a reminder that the student leadership is finalizing the Independent Student Analysis, summarizing student views of the Education Program, Administration, and Student Life at LKSOM. The Student Committee has done an outstanding job in summarizing the data and developing this document. The final step in the process is to re-survey all students on specific issues. The issues selected for resurvey are those about which students expressed concern and that the administration has taken steps to address since the initial survey last year.

The ISA Committee will issue the Survey to all students on **Monday, November 7th**. First- and Second-Year Students will complete the survey during their Doctoring lecture. The Survey will be made available online for Third- and Fourth-Year Students. There are a total of 24 questions, and we sincerely hope everyone will take the time to answer these questions.

On behalf of the Faculty and Administration, our sincere thanks to all our students for your help in responding to our many surveys/questionnaires, and to the student leadership in putting all this together. The final document will be shared with all the students when it is complete.

We look forward to continue working with you in creating an outstanding Learning Environment at LKSOM.



Changes to Block 4 – Many students in the Second-Year class commented that Block 4 felt especially fast-paced and dense, compared to other courses. Based on their feedback, the Block Directors have reorganized the content, and will move some material focusing on abnormal physiology to the second year. This change will not affect the current Second-Year students.

Temple Emergency Action Corps 9th Annual Symposium

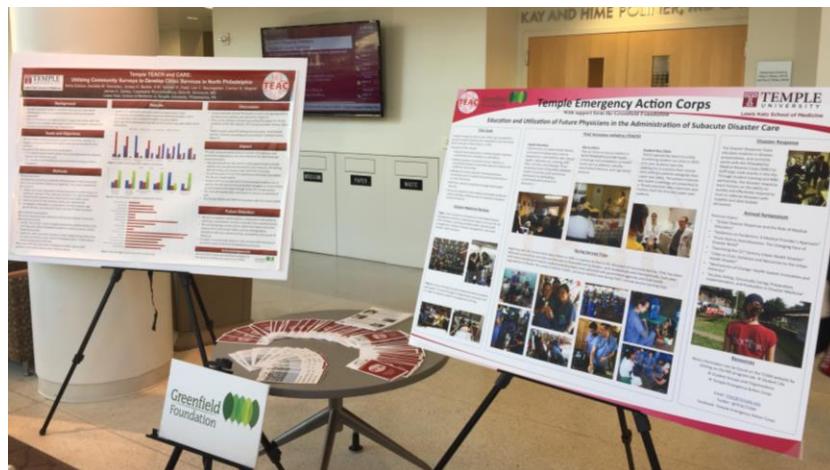
MERB Commons filled with bustling activity on Saturday October 19th, 2016 when students involved with Temple Emergency Action Corps (TEAC) hosted the 9th Annual Symposium, "A Health Disparity Perspective on Infectious Diseases." A thriving LKSOM student group, TEAC was formed in 2005 to help people in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Learning about the students' efforts inspired an alum, **Dr. William Greenfield**, to support TEAC through the Greenfield Foundation. As a result of this generous support, examples of TEAC initiatives have included: global and local relief efforts, outreach to people who are homeless, mobile and student-run clinics, electives on disaster management, and annual symposia.



Keynote speaker Vikas Kapil, DO, MPH, FACOEM, Chief Medical Officer and Associate Director for Science, Center for Global Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, addressed the importance of collective public health strategies to confront the spread of infectious diseases. Stacey Trooskin, MD, PhD, Director of Viral Hepatitis at Philadelphia FIGHT Health Centers, in her talk, "Hepatitis C and Access to Care," focused on barriers to care, the importance of testing, and resource development. Temple Pharmacist **David Koren, PharmD, BCPS, AAHIVP**, reviewed effective protocols in

identifying and providing resources for people who have been diagnosed with HIV in his presentation, "PrEPare to Prevent HIV: The Urban Experience."

Two workshops were offered: "Who Me? Implicit Biases in Healthcare and Effects on Communication and Patient Decisions," by Heather Traino, PhD, Associate Professor, Temple University College of Public Health, and "Global Health Service Trip Panel," moderated by **Manish Garg, MD**, Professor of Emergency Medicine. The day concluded with a lunch, allowing participants representing various disciplines and academic health centers to network and get to know each other. Coordinated by Second-Year students **Risha Khetarpal** and **Liz Weiner**, the event's success was evident in the many conversations regarding ongoing collaboration throughout Philadelphia and beyond to effectively address these public health challenges.



Career Counseling Corner

Class of 2017

Interview season is underway; best of luck to you all! Please contact **Dr. Barbetta** or **Dr. Peet** if you have questions or concerns about the process at stephanie.barbetta@tuhs.temple.edu or alisa.peet@tuhs.temple.edu.

It is time to register for the NRMP. The NRMP is a separate system from ERAS and is the system in which you will submit your rank list in February. We encourage you to register for the NRMP by November 30th to avoid additional registration fees.

Class of 2018

Congratulations on nearing the halfway point of third year! While your main focus should be doing well in the third-year clerkships, it is a good time to begin to think about how to choose a specialty. Not sure where to begin? The Careers in Medicine program (<https://www.aamc.org/cim/>) is a good place to start. By logging into the site with your AAMC account number, you will have access to information regarding different specialties as well as several self-assessments to assist you with the decision-making process. There are three assessments that would be most useful at this stage:

1. The Medical Specialty Preference Inventory (MSPI) measures your interests in different aspects of medicine.
2. The Physician Values in Practice Scale (PVIPS) explores what you value as a physician and what you would want from your career.
3. The Physician Skills Inventory explores interest and ability in motor skills, counseling skills, and problem solving.

While these assessments are encouraged at this stage, they are not required. If you choose to complete the assessments and would like to review your result reports, please contact Dr. Barbetta.