



Newsletter - February 2020

Omololu International school visit - SJSM Anguilla:

First grade students from Omololu International School visited Saint James School of Medicine at the end of February. Our MD4 and MD5 students measured kids height and weight, talked to them about the functioning of their body, discussed maintaining good hygiene, etc. SJSM Anguilla Red Cross members also conducted an interactive hand-washing workshop with first-graders to encourage them to wash their hands properly. Omololu and SJSM students enjoyed their time together.



Congratulations to the winners – SVG Basketball Tournament:



Students from SJSM, along with a few students from other medical schools were invited to play in the SVG QuickCash Corp. Invitational Basketball Tournament. We are proud of our students who were crowned champions of the tournament.

The players from SJSM included Shahzaad Khan, Andrew Winfield, Zach Wierzbach, Kareem Council, Chelsey Pizano, Kerrigan Pennington, and Amine Lehachi. Within this group are Club Presidents, Dean's List students, and leaders within the school. This event was a great opportunity for them to network with locals, college students and working physicians.

Some of the articles our students were featured in can be found at:

<https://www.iwnsvg.com/2020/02/02/big-upset-as-community-college-basketball-hits-second-round/>

<https://www.iwnsvg.com/2020/02/05/medical-schools-unbeaten-in-community-college-basketball/>

<https://www.iwnsvg.com/2020/02/09/dominant-performances-in-round-4-of-college-basketball/>

<https://www.iwnsvg.com/2020/02/18/medical-schools-are-community-college-basketball-champs/>

Dr Robin Karasek (2019 SJSM Graduate) – SVG Campus visit:



On Feb 13, 2020, we had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Karasek to our SVG campus to share her experience as a SJSM alum. Dr. Karasek is a first year internal medicine resident at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

She conducted a lecture on Acute Abdominal Pain for our MD4 students. She also visited the PDI lab, the Anatomy lab, and explored the new Anatomage table. Dr. Karasek then welcomed all of the students to a Q & A session covering queries about clinical rotations, the residency application process in the United States as well as Canada, and preparation for USMLE exams.

Summer 2020 semester Billing:

Invoices will be issued by March 1, 2020. The due date for these invoices will be April 3, 2020. Please submit a finance ticket to request a payment plan before this date. If you already know that you will be requiring a payment plan, please do not wait until the tuition due date to request your payment plan. All invoices that are not paid by the due date, will incur a late fee which will be assessed on April 6, 2020. A second late fee will be assessed on April 27, 2020 if the balance remains unpaid.

Financial Aid Process:

We offer several types of payment options. Please visit <https://www.sjsm.org/financial-assistance/apply-loans/> to access information regarding the loan process. We also offer student payment plans where students sign an agreement which will allow them to make monthly payments over a 4 month period, interest free.

To set up a payment plan, please submit a Finance Ticket to the finance department before the tuition due date. Please visit the school's website <https://www.sjsm.org/resources/financial-assistance/> for other important information.

Indian High Commissioner's visit:



The Indian High Commissioner to Guyana, Dr. K J Srinivasa along with Mr. Vijayakumar K, Counsellor (Commerce and Development), visited Anguilla on Feb 19, 2020 to discuss and provide scholarships to Anguillans. Several faculty members were invited by the Governor, Mr. Tim Foy and his wife Dr. Dina Foy, to their residence in honor of the Indian High Commissioner's visit. The event was attended by other dignitaries of Anguilla, such as Premier Mr. Victor Banks and Minister of Health, Hon. Evans McNeil Rogers. The faculty in attendance were Dr. Samira Wajid, Dr. Samith Ahmed, Dr. Santhosh Malwade, Dr. Sunil Holla, and Dr. Yashwanth Rao.

USMLE News:



- Beginning in May 2020, the USMLE Step 1 will include additional questions assessing communication skills.
- Beginning in June/July 2020, the USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge will include additional questions on systems-based practice, patient safety, legal/ethical issues, and professionalism.
- No changes to the USMLE Step 3 examination are planned during this time frame.

For details please visit

<https://www.ecfm.org/news/2019/11/06/usmle-step-1-and-step-2-ck-content-changes-scheduled-for-mid-2020/>

Change to pass/fail score reporting for Step 1:

The USMLE program will change score reporting for Step 1 from a three-digit numeric score to reporting only a pass/fail outcome. A numeric score will continue to be reported for Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK) and Step 3. Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS) will continue to be reported as Pass/Fail. This policy will take effect no earlier than January 1, 2022 with further details to follow later this year.

For details please visit <https://www.usmle.org/inCus/>

- When can we expect to see changes? No sooner than January 2022.
- What is the potential student impact? With Step 1 score no a determining factor, other factors such as Step 2 CK scores, academic performance, and research activities will be valued higher.
- What do we recommend to our students? All current students testing before 1/1/2022 should continue to prepare and test as planned. The school will keep an eye on the changes and program director's recommendations and will decide how to best prepare students for the 2022 changes.

Useful links:

<https://www.ecfm.org/news/2019/11/06/usmle-step-1-and-step-2-ck-content-changes-scheduled-for-mid-2020/>

Podcast: <https://soundcloud.com/user-433574324>

Valentines Party SVG:



Our students, staff, and faculty, along with the SGA, celebrated Valentine's Day at the school campus with pizzas, ice cream, and soft drinks and a movie screening that was enjoyed by all.

Weekly Webinar:

Our USMLE counselors Dr. Erblin Qosaj and Dr. Alison Zheng, have started a weekly 1-hour webinar to discuss high yield cases that are likely to be asked in the NBME and USMLE Step 1. These webinars are usually held every Friday at 4:00 PM (Central Time). The counselors select topics that students are collectively struggling with and set up a few cases and a presentation pertaining to the topic. The goal of these sessions is to generate a better understanding of the topic being covered, and how to apply the knowledge gained from studies and use it to tackle questions.

This is an interactive experience where students join confidentially and are able to participate in answering questions along with asking their own questions throughout the session. The counselors have created a comfortable learning environment and students who have attended have given overwhelmingly positive reviews. We welcome all students, in basic and clinical science to benefit from these webinars. Please email usmle@mail.sjms.org to register for the webinar.

DynaMed and AccessMedicine – Medical Apps:

Our library provides two excellent resources to look up medical information, DynaMed and AccessMedicine. Apps are available for both of these.

Step 1: Create an account

Step 2: Go to the play or app store, download the app and use the account which you have previously created.

- Visit our library at www.sjsm.org/library and click on the relevant links for DynaMed and AccessMedicine
- Dynamed: Click on sign in (top right corner), then click on "don't have a personal account", click on "register now"
- AccessMedicine: Click on "sign in" (top right corner), then "sign in or create a free MyAccess Profile", " and then "create a free Myaccess Profile".

To keep your account active, you must sign in through the library once every 90 days.
