

A Word from the Dean



Last month I was deeply impressed by the accomplishment of two members of the Brown Med family. Sreekanth Chaguturu, who graduated from BMS only last year, and Snigdha Vallabhaneni, who

will graduate this coming May, saw their paper published in the "Perspectives" section of the October 27 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. The paper, which I urge you to read, is titled "Aiding and Abetting: Nursing Crises at Home and Abroad." It addresses the nursing shortage in the United States and the "brain drain" in health care professionals in developing countries.

Founded in 1812 and published by the Massachusetts Medical Society, the NEJM is the oldest continuously published medical journal in the world. One of the most highly regarded peer-reviewed scientific journals, the NEJM reaches some 500,000 physicians and other health care professionals in more than 175 countries. Being published in and by the NEJM is quite an accomplishment for anyone, as you well know, but even more so for two individuals who are just embarking on their medical careers.

The extraordinary work of Dr. Chaguturu and Ms. Vallabhaneni is proof positive that where there's a will, there's a way. I encourage you always to assume that the most ambitious goals are within your reach.

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Medical Student Affairs

Philip Gruppuso, MD
Associate Dean for Medical Education

One issue concerning medical education at Brown that has come to my attention in the last three months is funding for student travel, research and student-initiated educational programs. These programs affect the quality of academic life since they offer opportunities for enrichment that may otherwise not be available. They also encourage learning and promote career development in a way that a standard medical curriculum cannot.

Funding can come from a number of sources. External funds, applied for by students, faculty or administration, bring prestige to the institution, which has its own benefits. Internal support derived from University resources can come from fund-raising or allocation of dollars from the Medical School's operating budget. The latter has the problem of competing needs.

I have started to work with the Medical Student Senate to make the process of obtaining support for travel, research and program development more uniform and transparent. We have considered bringing most of the available sources of funding together as a single entity that will be managed by students. I expect the application and review process that leads to funding will be merit-based and devoid of the potential for perceived or real conflicts of interest. The process I envision will have students at its center.

At NIH, Institute Councils set priorities, oversee the review process and make final funding decisions based on the reviews

and priority lists provided to them. I hope that we can set up a mini-version of this process in which students, along with a faculty advisor, will function as the Council. When appropriate, they can arrange for other students to review applications. In some cases, they will undoubtedly want to enlist faculty members to review proposals.

An essential administrative feature of this plan will be an effective mechanism to let all students know what the funding opportunities are, what the application and review processes are, what the review criteria will be and how funds will be disbursed. In addition to providing for a fair mechanism to disburse funds, this arrangement will allow interested students to gain experience in the kinds of funding mechanisms and decision making that will continue to be important as they pursue their career goals.

To learn more about the Dean's Scholar's Independent Study Fund please see the announcement on page six.

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Message from the Dean continued

Their work also embodies the approach to medicine that we foster at Brown Medical School: you, our students, do not, must not limit yourselves to mastering the knowledge base and skills needed to become good practitioners or biomedical researchers. Rather, you think broadly, as you should, about medicine's needs today and tomorrow – from national health care policy to global health cares issues.

Wishing you happy and restful holidays.

Student Affairs Alexandra Morang Director

This is the time of year when study space is in demand. The MDL folks have agreed to unlock additional rooms in the BMC on weekends and late evenings in order to increase the amount of available space. In addition, from 5-11pm, rooms 217 and 212 can be opened by the BMC caretaker if not in use as a classroom. If you would like to create a study group of three to four people, you can reserve a study room in advance through Carrie Furtado at 863-2382. In addition, there are several study rooms in the Sciences Library that can be reserved by individuals and small groups. To reserve a room, just call Ginine Hefner at 863-2405. These rooms hold 6-10 students comfortably, have two walls of blackboards, and can be reserved for 4-hour time blocks.

Curriculum Affairs Dick Dollase Director

At its November 16, 2005 meeting, the Medical Curriculum Committee approved a document restructuring its

organization and membership. The restructuring was motivated by a need to tailor the composition and charge of the curriculum committee to the process of curriculum redesign that is about to commence while maintaining its oversight responsibilities related to the current curriculum. The composition of the curriculum committee will now consist of seven faculty members who serve as chairs of the working groups to redesign the curriculum: Working Group I: Curriculum Content and Organization; Working Group II: Development of Educational Areas of Emphasis; Working Group III: Assessment; Working Group IV: Doctoring; Working Group V: Information Technology; Working Group VI: Teaching Excellence; and Working Group VII: PLME.

In addition there will be three faculty members who serve as chairs of the current standing committees: the Subcommittee on Years I & II; the Subcommittee on Years III & IV and the Subcommittee on Electives; three faculty members at large, five student representatives, and the chair of the committee, the associate dean for medical education, the director of the Office of Curriculum Affairs and the medical school librarian.

Upon approval of the Dean and the BioMed Faculty Council, the newly restructured curriculum committee will begin its deliberations in January, 2006.

Admissions and Financial Aid Kathy Baer Director

Important: Financial Aid Disbursements for the Spring Semester: With spring semester just around the corner, the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid would like to provide the following information about financial aid disbursements to help you plan accordingly.

Federal regulations require the disbursement of Federal Direct loans (i.e., the

loan amounts that are credited to your student account in the Bursar's Office) in two equal payments. In addition, regulations specify the dates when funding may be applied to students' accounts. The first, fall semester payment is made on the first day of class. The second payment or disbursement must be applied at the midpoint of the academic year. Since students in each year of medical school have different enrollment periods, the disbursement dates are different for each class. For the 2005-2006 year, second payments on Federal Direct Loans will disburse according to the following schedule:

- MD '06: December 16, 2005
- MD '07: January 2, 2006
- MD '08: January 25, 2006
- MD '09: January 12, 2006

Brown Scholarships and Brown Loans will disburse to students' accounts by January 9, 2006.

Remember that the above dates reflect the date that funds will be applied to your accounts in the Bursar's Office, not the date that students can expect a re-

hot off the press!

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fund check for living expenses. Students can expect refund checks within 10 business days of the disbursement date.

As always, if your financial aid disbursements exceed the charges on your account and create a credit balance, please remember to complete a refund form in the Bursar's Office in order to receive a check for your living expenses. We recommend that you complete and submit refund forms to the Student Accounts Office by the first day of spring semester classes in order to receive a refund check in a timely way. Also, if time is a factor, it may be faster to request on the refund form that refund checks be held for pickup, rather than mailed to you. The mailing process will only delay the receipt of your refund.

You can download the refund form from the Brown University web site, and then either fax the form back to the Bursar's Office (863-7518) or mail it to: Brown University, Box 1839, Providence, RI 02912-9706. Here is the link for the refund form: www.brown.edu/Administration/Student_Financial_Services/Bursar/Publications/Forms/Refdrqta.pdf

Please direct any questions and concerns to Linda Gillette, Assistant Director, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, (401-863-1142 or Linda_Gillette@brown.edu).

Residency Interviewing Expenses for MD '06 Students: We would like to remind you again to save receipts for residency interviewing expenses, which may be tax deductible if you itemize your deductions on your tax return. In addition, please remember to keep track of any moving expenses in the spring as these, too, may be deductible under certain circumstances. We will provide further guidance regarding these tax issues in January and again at the financial planning workshops in the spring.

Secondly, remember that the AAMC has an agreement with American Airlines

to offer discounts for students who are traveling for residency interviews. For reservations and additional information, please call the American Airlines' Meeting Services Desk at (800) 433-1790 and reference the AAMC Index #17603. Special Online Hotel Rates for USMLE Step 2-Clinical Skills Examinees: The AAMC has announced the availability of an online hotel reservations system for USMLE Step 2-CS examinees. Go to www.aamc.org/meetings, then click on "Special Hotel Rates for Clinical Skills Exams". Reduced rates are available in the vicinity of the five CS exam sites in Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles and Philadelphia. If you have any questions or difficulties, please contact Kirsten Olean (kolean@aamc.org).

Best wishes to you and your families for a restful and joyous holiday season!

Office of Women in Medicine

Debra Abeshaus
Director

2006 Leah J. Dickstein, M.D. Award: The Association of Women Psychiatrists (AWP) has announced their annual Leah J. Dickstein, M.D. Award. The award recognizes a female medical student who best exemplifies the spirit of creativity, energy and leadership that Dr. Dickstein epitomizes and seeks to foster in others. It is open to women medical students who have demonstrated superior academic achievement, creativity and leadership.

If you would like to be considered as a nominee from Brown Medical School, please visit the AWP's website <http://www.womenpsych.org/> for more information and an application.

Deadlines: Applications of prospective nominees from Brown and the names of their two references are due to the Office of Women in Medicine, Brown Medical School, Box G-A132, Providence,

december calendar

- December 1
Managing Sleep Loss & Fatigue in Medical Practice
8:15-10:00am
- December 6
Doctoring OSCE
- December 8
Doctoring OSCE
- December 9
End of Classes
Renal Nutrition Section Ends
- December 9
Final Exam - Bio 117
- December 9
PLME Holiday Party
Chancellor's Dining Room
12:00-1:30pm
- December 13
Final Exam - Bio 189
Integrated Exam
- December 14-15
Reading Days
- December 16
Final Exam - Bio 181
NeuroPath Exam
- December 23 - January 2
University Closed for Winter Break
- December 25
Christmas Day
- December 25
Hannukah
- December 31
New Year's Eve

opportunities

Call for Abstracts for the New England Science Symposium on March 12, 2006 in Boston, Massachusetts. Deadline for submission of abstracts is Dec 2, 2005. More info or to submit: janine_matho@hms.harvard.edu.

The AMA Seed Grant Research Program encourages young physicians to choose careers in research. This program provides \$1,500-2,500 grants for small projects in applied and clinical research. Research categories include: Arthritis/Rheumatism, Cardiovascular/Pulmonary, HIV/AIDS, Leukemia, Neoplastic Diseases, and Neurological Disorders. To apply visit www.amafoundation.org. Application deadline is Dec 15, 2005

Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships work to increase the diversity of the nation's college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity. For students planning a career in teaching and research at the college or university level. Postdocs receive \$40,000 for one year. Deadline to apply is Dec 15, 2005. Application and information at <http://natioanl-academies.org/fellowships>

The Osler Library Research Travel Grant to assist scholars who need to travel and establish temporary residence in Montreal in order to use the resources of the library. The award is \$1,500 (Canadian) and must be held for 2-4 weeks during the calendar year of 2006. Applicants should send their CV and project description to Pamela Miller at Pamela.Miller@McGill.Ca or call (514) 398-4475 ext 09870. Deadline to apply is Dec 31, 2005

2006-07 Sarnoff Fellowship Program: An Opportunity for Medical Students to Explore a Career in Biomedical Research. Includes annual stipend of \$25,000, up to \$2,000 for moving expenses, up to \$2,000 for travel expenses, funds to attend meetings, and funds to help cover the cost of health insurance. The application is available online at www.SarnoffEndowment.org or by contacting Dana Boyd at 703-759-7600 or dana.boyd@verizon.net. Application deadline is Jan 9, 2006.

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund is offering the following scholarships for Hispanic American students. 2006-07 Gates Millennium Scholars for first-year students who will be enrolled full-time during the 2006-07 academic year. To learn more or apply: www.gmsp.org.

American Federation for Aging Research is offering The AFAR Medical Student Summer Research Training in Aging Program which provides medical students, early in their training, with an enriching experience in aging-related research and geriatrics, under the mentorship of top experts in the field. Students participate in an eight- to twelve-week structured research, clinical, and didactic program in geriatrics. Up to 120 scholarships will be awarded in 2006 with a stipend of \$1,731 per month. Deadline to apply is Feb 7, 2006. For program guidelines and applications go to www.afar.org.

The NIH Clinical Research Training Program is an opportunity for medical students to spend a year at the NIH engaged in clinical or translational research. CRTP is for students who have completed a year of clinical rotations. Includes one-year stipend of \$28,400 plus book, travel and computer allowance. To learn more or apply visit www.training.nih.gov/crtp. Application deadline is January 17, 2006.

Roswell Park Cancer Institute Summer Oncology Research Program runs from June 5 — July 28, 2006, where you can participate in state-of-the-art clinical research, or explore cancer cells by participating in a basic scientific research program. Twenty-five fellowships will be awarded, which include stipend support (\$280/week) for eight weeks. Some funding is also available to defray room expenses. For further information contact Arthur Michalek at arthur.michalek@roswellpark.org, or 716-845-2339. Deadline is February 15, 2006.

Pediatrics Research Opportunity offered by the American Pediatric Society & Society for Pediatric Research. The APS and SPR are offering a medical student research program to encourage medical students to consider careers in research related to

RI 02912 by January 12th. The Office of Women in Medicine will submit a letter on behalf of selected nominees and their application materials to the AWP by the February 15, 2005 national deadline. Please let us know if you have questions.

Save the dates: January 12, 2006 Stress and Conflict Management, 8:15 – 10:00am, Brown Faculty Club. This seminar is part of a series the Office is sponsoring for women medical faculty. If you would like to attend, please return the registration form which will be posted at the OWM website <http://bms.brown.edu/wim>—see “What’s New.”

February 16, 2006, 2nd Winter Gathering for Women in Medicine, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, RISD Museum – a networking reception for women medical students, housestaff, fellows and faculty. An invitation will follow.

Our best wishes to you for a peaceful and happy holiday season.

PLME

Julianne Ip, MD, Associate Dean
Hilary Sweigart, PLME Manager

Hope you enjoyed a restful and happy Thanksgiving with family or friends. Here are some opportunities to keep in mind during December. Good luck with exams, and enjoy a safe and peaceful holiday break!

THANK YOU to the 120 students who took part in the recent survey, and congratulations to Stanley Voigt, winner of the Johnny Rocket’s gift certificate. Information gleaned from responders can be found on the PLME web site at <http://bms.brown.edu/plme>. Of the reasons why students chose Brown over other institutions, the #1-ranked top three were, (1) Guaranteed admission to the medical school; (2) Brown’s Open Curriculum and flexibility; (3) The liberal approach to learning and being able to concentrate

in any subject.

KUDOS to Jenna Kahn, PLME’08, who organized the tremendously successful Whole Physician Program event, The Business of Medicine, on November 14. Approximately 80 students, including some Brown premeds, gathered to hear Drs. Brescia, Halpern-Ruder, and Hollmann. Jenna is organizing the next event for early February with a panel of medical students and interns.

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12:30 to speak about the new medical school curriculum and the impact it will have on the PLME. See you there!

Summer Research Assistantship Program (SRA) 2006 is open to all PLME undergraduates and medical students. Before leaving campus for winter break, get further information by visiting the web site at <http://bms.brown.edu/research/summer.html> for a list of possible faculty sponsors (you, the student application, and faculty form. Be sure to meet with a faculty sponsor and begin plans for your summer research assistantship proposal. Deadline is February 24, 2006.

Summer Fellowship in the Arts and Humanities in Medicine 2006—one fellowship is available to either a PLME undergraduate or medical student. Proposal

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Once again, Melinda Bridgman, adjunct faculty, Rhode Island School of Design, will offer RISD course FA 5506: "Art as a Source of Healing" in the spring semester 2006, accepting 5 Brown students and 6 RISD students. Anyone interested in taking the class should directly email Prof. Bridgman at m.bridgman@snet.net, and she will hold a place or add your name to the waiting list. On the first day of class, she will sign the cross-registration form and official RISD registration can take place. This course will examine the connection between arts and healing from ancient times to the present and explore the contemporary movement of the arts in health care. Students will do a collective practicum either on-site at Bradley Hospital, a children's psychiatric hospital in East Providence, R.I., or at one of its residential treatment facilities, as well as a personal studio project. There will be experimental workshops; visits by contemporary artists; lecture discussions by hospital clinical staff; assigned readings and writings; slide lectures; and journal keeping. Fee: \$25.00

Announcing the NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (UGSP): This means that your undergraduate institution has certified you as having "exceptional financial need", as defined by the Federal Government. For detailed information on the program and for application instructions, visit <http://ugsp.info.nih.gov/InfoUGSP.htm>.

PLME Senate

Zach Gordon '07

Co-President

I hope this reaches you following a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and a not-too-stressful reading period/week of finals!

To update you on the latest activities of

the PLME Senate, our Hurricane Relief Charity Ball on Friday, November 11, was a great success! Thanks to Whitney Eng (PLME 2008), our decorations chair, Leung Gallery looked picture-perfect! A live jazz band, the Evan Brown Quintet, and DJ Adam Conrad were very generous in donating entertainment for the evening! Roba Dolce was especially generous in donating six immense tubs of gelato, which were a tremendous hit! Many thanks also to Nice Slice, Antonios, Kabob and Curry, Mama's Falafel, and J and J's Candy Bar for their donations!

The event could have never taken place without the hard work of our Social Committee chairs, Wesley Wu (2008), Ed Cheung (2008), John Molina (2008), and Brian Huang (2006), and everyone on the Senate who helped out. Special thanks to Larry Kwon (2008), Thomas Kim (2008), Jon Lin (2008), Toni Ramirez (2009), Shilpa Gowda (2008), Jensen Law (2009), Rosalynn Vega (2009), Alma Guerrero (2008), and Maya Barsky (2009) for all of their hard work preparing for this special evening!

Thank-you to all who attended and helped make this night a success! We raised \$575, which will all be given to the American Red Cross to aid in hurricane relief. We hope that this event, the first PLME-sponsored semiformal to have taken place in three years, will be the first of many more in years to come!

Another recent event was our Whole Patient Program, which took place on Monday, November 14. The featured topic was "The Business of Medicine" and speakers included Dr. Peter Hollmann (Medical Director of BCBS of RI), Dr. Dan Halpren-Ruder (Medical Director of Urgent Care Centers), and our own advising dean, Dr. Anne Cushing-Brescia (medical internist with her own private practice). Thank you to our co-chairs, Jenna Kahn (2008) and Paul Bixenstein (2008), as well as to our panelists and all who attended.

As the semester winds down, we are looking forward to future Whole Patient, Whole Physician, community service/social events, and study groups in the upcoming semester! As always, feel free to email me at Carly_Seidman@brown.edu or co-president Zachary Gordon with any

accepting applications for funding

Dean's Scholars Independent Study Fund

Now accepting applications for 2006-07 fiscal year

The Dean's Scholars Fund provides small independent study grants to Brown medical students. Two awards of \$850 each are made each fiscal year (July 1 - June 30). These awards are intended to provide direct support for the purchase of research supplies. The awards are not intended to support stipend, travel, or equipment.

Proposals should follow the application format (email Rose_Bell@brown.edu for format guidelines) and should be submitted by March 1st to Philip_Gruppuso@brown.edu as a word or pdf document.

Awardees will be required to submit receipts and provide a report at the end of the fiscal year. More details will be sent out to the MD listservs.

questions or ideas! Be on the lookout for an announcement of our first meeting of next semester. Good luck with finals and have a happy and healthy winter break!

Student Senate

Neel Shah MD'08

President

With Thanksgiving past and the next group of holidays approaching, for many of us it feels like we are at the home stretch. Preclinical students are gearing up for a last bout of exams (for now), fourth year students are getting ready for interviews. Third year students are doing what third year students do, and admirably so. Especially Josh Honeyman MD '07—what we all wouldn't do for that hair. But that's neither here nor there.

As you know, in this first semester the Senate and administration have made remarkable progress in addressing the issues of concern to students and I am proud of our accomplishments. However, I am most proud that we were able to take positive steps forward as a collaborative effort. From those of you who applied to serve on the new curriculum working groups, to the students who volunteered for the advising task force, the student body has been engaged in a meaningful way throughout. So I'll end this pre-holiday Pulse issue with a collective pat on the back for a job well done. Thanks to all of you for your help in making BMS as good as it can be, and best of luck with bringing it home!

The Magnet Club

Bethany Stafford MD'08

Christina Cinelli MD'08

Do you remember your middle school science teacher—the one who sparkled when narrating the intricacies of plant pollination, or perhaps the one who, de-

risd course offering

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spite all their quirks, introduced you to science and ultimately opened the door to a career in medicine? It is an unfortunate reality that there is a severe shortage of qualified science teachers, especially in our nation's under-resourced school districts. As a result, students in these districts are not afforded the same access to an education in science, nor are they exposed to the various careers in the field.

HYPOTHESIS:

Can Brown Medical Students create a health science curriculum to expose middle school students to the basic concepts and opportunities available in health care?

EXPERIMENT:

The Magnet Club was founded in the spring of 2005 by Roy Kao, MD'07, Christina Cinelli, MD'08, and Bethany Stafford, MD'08, at Nathan Bishop Middle School. Each Monday the club meets after school and explores a topic through experimentation, guest speakers, and field trips. Our goal is to give our students a hands on experience, which they can take beyond the classroom. In our unit on Heart Health, the students not only learned about the importance of having a healthy heart; but they also learned to take a blood pressure and pulse. At the

end of the unit, they went to the Simulation Center at the CORO building to speak with ER doctors and interact with simulated patients. Other curriculum units include Respiratory Health, Mental Health, and Nutrition.

RESULTS:

Now in our second year, the Magnet Club has grown in mind and body, thanks to a generous grant from the Petersen Fund and the guidance of Alexis Devine and John Morgan, both of Lifespan Community Health Services. We have a solid group of 15 students who keep us on our toes and inspire us to remain socially minded while also focused on gaining the medical knowledge necessary for becoming responsible physicians.

CONCLUSION:

The Magnet Club is an opportunity for all involved to enrich their education whether it be exploring basic science or learning what it means to be a socially aware professional. It is our hope that through the Magnet Club, the relationship between Brown Medical School and Nathan Bishop Middle School will continue to prosper. We welcome all who are interested in joining our community—please email Bethany or Christina: Bethany_Stafford@brown.edu Christina_Cinelli@brown.edu

opportunities continued

pediatrics, specifically for students seeking a research opportunity at an institution other than their own medical school. The program gives students \$57.70/day for a maximum stipend of \$4,270 and enables them to spend eight to ten weeks, at 30-40 hours per week, in a research environment. For additional information and to apply visit www.aps-spr.org. Application deadline is January 27, 2006.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital NIH/NCI-funded Pediatric Oncology Education Program is accepting applicants to spend a minimum of nine weeks at St. Jude. An hourly salary and pre-paid furnished housing is provided for students coming from outside the metropolitan area. To learn more visit www.stjude.org/poe. Deadline for applications is February 15, 2006. Early application is recommended.

The Scaife Advanced Medical Student Assistantship in Alcohol and Other Drug Dependency. This program offers students training in the field of addiction services incomparable to any they may have encountered. Participants will receive a \$150 per week stipend and a \$200 transportation allowance for a total of \$650 for three weeks. Rooms and meals are also provided. The program is offered from June 12-June 30 and July 10-July 28. To apply contact Lois Edmondston at lae19@pitt.edu. Deadline to apply is March 31, 2006.

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Research Training Fellowships for Medical Students enables medical students to spend a year conducting basic, translational, or applied biomedical research at any school or nonprofit research institution in the U.S., except at the

NIH in Bethesda, MD. Includes a stipend of \$25,000, a research allowance of \$5,500 and a health care and expense allowance of \$5,500. Deadline is January 11, 2006. The HHMI-NIH Research Scholars Program enables medical students to spend 9 to 12 months conducting basic, translational, or applied biomedical research in one of many laboratories on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland. Includes annual compensation of \$25,000. Deadline to apply is January 10, 2006. To learn more or apply visit www.hhmi.org/grants/office/graduate or contact Melanie Daub at daubm@hhmi.org or 301-951-6708.

David and Ethel Platt Family Physicians Summer Fellowships to help create a way to excite 1st- and 2nd-year medical students about family medicine. Four fellowships will be awarded. Each award of \$1,200 for a four-week preceptor program where the chosen student will spend a week with various family doctors in Delaware. To apply contact M. Diana Metzger, M.D. at 302-479-5515, or delfamdoc@comcast.net. Or go to www.delfamdoc.org to learn more. Deadline to apply is February 15, 2006.

Albert Schweitzer Hospital Three-Month Elective in pediatrics and medicine in Africa. Open to third-year medical students to spend three months in Lambarene, Gabon from May 1-July 31, 2006 or August 1-October 31st, 2006. Fluency in French is required. Provides complete funding for students (airfare, room, board, and immunizations). To learn more or to apply visit <http://www.schweitzerfellowship.org/features/lamb/> or contact Meghan Kalinich, M.S. at info@schweitzerfellowship.org or 617-667-3115. Deadline to apply is Dec 24, 2005.

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