

WeeklyWire 02/14/2025

FOR ALL MEDICAL STUDENTS

Community Connections & Wellness

- **Learning Environment Annual Report:** Please read [this message](#) from Dr. Feldman and Dr. Hunt and this accompanying [Learning Environment Annual Report](#) . For more information, contact [Dr. Nathalie Feldman](#) or [Dr. Liz Hunt](#).
- **“Coffee and Bagel with Dean Page”:** Message from Dean Page: Dear Students, I would like to extend an invitation to you for another "Coffee and Bagels with Dean Page" event on Wednesday, 2/26/2025. These events are tremendously valuable to me, giving a chance for informal discussion of various issues that are on the mind of those in attendance, all the while providing an opportunity for all of us to get to know each other better. Since we start with introductions, it works best if you arrive before 8 am. My office is Given E126. If you are interested in attending, [please respond using the link provided](#). If you cannot join us this time, or if we are unable to accommodate everyone, please note that there will be additional opportunities in the future. Please be sure to mark your calendars, as we will not be sending out calendar invites
- **Take the Campus Climate Survey!** The 2025 Campus Climate Survey is now open to all UVM students, staff, and faculty. Please go to the [Campus Climate Survey Access webpage](#) and complete the survey according to your primary affiliation with the university—either staff/faculty or undergraduate/graduate student. As a reminder, this survey is expected to take 10–15 minutes, and your responses will be collected and analyzed in accordance with the anonymity and privacy standards outlined on [this Campus Climate Survey webpage](#). All survey respondents can enter to win Apple AirPods (3rd gen), UVM Bookstore gift cards, UVM swag, and more.
- **Musical Brain Initiative:** 2/15, 1:00pm, MedEd 202 5The Musical Brain Initiative is making its February musical visit to Shepardson 3 North this Saturday (2/15). Join us in 202 at 1pm for snacks, then walk together to Shep 3 at 2:00pm to play oldies love songs for the ~20 patients there. All skills levels and instruments welcome. [Reach out to Jonathan Palmer](#) (781-850-5880) with questions.
- **Gender Equity Education Series:** February 19, 12:00-1:00, [Zoom](#). [Clinical Considerations for Working with Transgender & Nonbinary Clients](#), Laura Erickson-Schroth. For more details contact [Olive Gallmeyer, Events & Program Coordinator](#).
- **Black History Month Trivia:** 2/20, 5-6 pm, MedEd100. Save the date for our annual Black History Trivia Event! Test your knowledge, celebrate achievements, and embrace the richness of Black history. Join us for a fun, educational night with dinner and exciting giveaways! [Olive Gallmeyer, Events & Programs Coordinator](#)
- **Dean Zehle Drop In Meetings - Sign Up!:** These drop-ins are provided for students to connect with the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education. We protect student drop-in sessions to ensure our students are able to discuss any arising issues or concerns, and to ensure your dean is always accessible to you. You can [secure a 20-minute slot during the provided drop-in hours, using the Dean for Medical Education drop-ins sign-up](#). Please contact [Colleen Case, the Executive Assistant to the Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education](#), if you have any questions or concerns.
- **Coffee/Tea with Dean Zehle:** 2/21, 7:30am-8:15am. Given Courtyard.

- **2025 Dr. Hope Babette Tang Humanism in Healthcare Essay Contest is now open:** 03/12 submission deadline. Monetary awards of up to \$1k. [Medical and nursing students are invited to submit an essay that illustrates an experience of humanistic care to the 26th annual Dr. Hope Babette Tang Humanism in Healthcare Essay Contest...](#)
- **Dr. Moo and Dr. Moo Support Person Needed for Match Day:** M1's, M2's and M3's, Friday, March 21, 2025 - 11:00 A.M. - 1:15 P.M. Help the Class of 2025 Celebrate Match Day as Dr. Moo! Two volunteers are needed to help the Class of 2025 celebrate Match Day on Friday, March 21. Dr. Moo is an important part of Match Day, helping to lead the Class of 2025 into the Hoehl Gallery and congratulating students after they announce their Match. Two volunteers are needed, one to don the Dr. Moo suit and one to guide Dr. Moo safely into Hoehl Gallery. Please contact Liz Dohrman if you are interested in volunteering to be Dr. Moo or Dr. Moo's support person. [Please contact Liz Dohrman](#) for more info.
- **Thank a Resident Day: 2/28** Led by the Gold Humanism Honor Society, "Thank a Resident Day" is a special day that takes place each year on the last Friday of February to collectively show gratitude and appreciation for resident physicians and fellows, and how integral they are to the healthcare team. Thank a Resident Day will take place on Friday, February 28, 2025. Residency is a key component of graduate medical training, offering an in-depth exposure to medical practice. It can often mean long working hours matched with many responsibilities. Residents serve as the hospital's "house staff" and are an integral part of the healthcare team. They often serve as indispensable resources for medical students, especially during a clinical clerkship. In 2018, the Gold Humanism Honor Society decided to bring to light the importance of the residence staff and encourage medical students at chapters throughout the nation to show their gratitude and appreciation. Thank a Resident Day has since expanded to hundreds of programs around the country. [Kiersten Tavares, Administrative Support to LCOM GHHS](#)
- **Save the date! UVM Larner Med EIGHTH Annual Community Clothing Swap:** 04/21-04/23. As you start to scratch that "spring cleaning" itch, consider doing a sweep of your closet for items to donate to this year's swap. Clothes you are tired of, but not tired clothes, please! Also, you do not need to donate items to participate. The swap is open to everyone in the community! [Flip your wardrobe during this fun, supportive, college-wide community event...](#)

Scholarships available

Career Counseling Opportunities

- **New episode of Green Mountain Medicine Podcast:** [Click here to listen to Dr. Emily Strout](#) on this month's episode of Green Mountain Medicine Podcast. On this episode of GMM, we sit down with Dr. Strout, an internist with a passion for education and mentorship. She is truly exceptional. Dr. Strout also offers valuable advice for patients on living healthier lives, blending her expertise in medicine with a commitment to fostering the next generation of doctors.
- **HemOnc Fellows Conferences:** 2/18, HSRF 200 ,8-9AM." Morbidity and Mortality Conference". Joint presentation by Dr. Dermot Murphy, 1st year fellow in Hematology and Medical Oncology, UVMMC and Dr. Rushad Patell, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Contact: [Whitney Feininger, Admin, Hematology/Oncology Division](#)

- **Pediatrics Grand Rounds - “Let’s Take a Bite Out of Pediatric Dog Bites: Recent Trends and Our Local Injury Prevention Efforts”:** 2/19, 8-9 am ,Hybrid Event - In person in Davis Auditorium (UVMHC) or [Via Zoom \(passcode required\)](#)PASSWORD: pedsgr. For more details contact [Penny Marchessault](#)
- **Family Medicine Hybrid Grand Rounds:** 3/24 ,8-9am, Davis Auditorium / [Zoom](#). UVM Family Medicine is excited to share that Dr. Mariana Castells will be presenting at Grand Rounds on 3/24/25. Dr. Castells is a world-renowned expert in mast cell disorders, anaphylaxis, and drug hypersensitivity and has made significant contributions to allergy and immunology research. [Read more here...](#)
- **Pediatrics Grand Rounds - “From Rock n' Roll to Lullabies: Medical Music Therapy Supporting Whole-Person Care at UVM Children's Hospital”:** 2/26 8-9 AM. Sessions will be held by Zoom meeting only at this link: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://uvmcom.zoom.us/j/123552961>. PASSWORD: pedsgr

Research Opportunities

- **Gold Humanism Student Summer Fellowships:** 3/17 application deadline. [Apply as an individual or group](#). Offers opportunities for medical students to undertake a research or service project related to community health and to develop skills to become a compassionate, relationship-centered physician...For more info, [contact Kiersten Tavares, Medical Student Services Coordinator](#) & GHHS Admin Support
- **CVRI_ Call for Applications: Early Career Advisory Committee:** Application deadline 3/31. The CVRI Board of Directors is requesting applications for new members for its Early Career Advisory Committee, which is tasked with identifying and addressing the needs of our Early Career scientists and involving them in CVRI’s cardiovascular-related activities. [Read More Here...](#)
- **The Lucey Prize:** Deadline 4/4. The “Jerold and Ingela Lucey Early CaFreer Investigator Prize for Innovations in Infant or Child Health.” This is a prize to be awarded for completed or near-completed work within the past three years and not to fund a research proposal. The prize will be a monetary award, paid directly to the recipients, along with an award plaque. The recipients shall be selected based on merit for their work exploring new horizons in neonatology and/or other areas of pediatrics. The prize awarded includes \$1500 to each level awardee or their team and will be distributed at a Pediatric Grand Rounds May 28, 2025.. [Read More Here...](#)

M1 STUDENTS (co2028)

- **ATTENTION REQUIRED:** Before starting your DIV clinical sessions the week of 3/3/25, you are responsible for ensuring that you are up to date with [immunization requirements](#). Please visit your CastleBranch portal to check your compliance status and review any action items that need your attention. Students who are not in compliance will receive a follow-up communication. You must be in compliance in order to start your DIV preceptor sessions. Thank you for your attention to this important requirement.
- **Application Deadline-Curriculum for Understanding Population-based Inequities & Disparities (CUPID) Summer Translational Oncology Program John Hopkins:** 2/16. [Read more here...](#)

- **Application Deadline AHEC Summer Projects 2025:** 2/21, 2025. Students in the class of 2028 are invited to apply. Projects are typically 100 hours and pay a stipend of \$1,500. AHEC Summer Projects fall into one of two tracks: Research/Quality Improvement or Education/Mentoring. Projects are typically 100 hours (40 didactic hours and 60 field-based/project-specific hours). A program overview, description of each project, and the [application can be found on the AHEC website](#). All projects relate to AHEC Scholars priority areas such as social determinants of health. Applications from LCOM class of 2028 will be accepted until February 21, 2025. Certain projects require some in-person time in Vermont, other projects may be completed via hybrid or fully remote participation. Students who are not yet enrolled in the AHEC Scholars program will need to enroll to participate in the summer program. Questions about AHEC Scholars or the AHEC summer program can be [directed to Patti Smith Urie](#).

M2 STUDENTS (co2027)

As a reminder, support during Step 1 dedicated study is available...Whether on campus or remote, the Medical Student Services Team wants you to know that we are here to help and advice during the dedicated weeks of Step 1 study. Please reach out to (or grab a drop-in with) Drs Moynihan, Rosen, George, Dolbec, and Holterman if you're encountering any barriers to daily progress, uncertainty about your plan, or struggle navigating setbacks. While there are many ways forward, we strongly encourage yours to include ongoing engagement with a question bank (sets > review of sets), daily structure, barrier identification/removal, and — above all — self-care and *belief* in your ability to find progress in the weeks ahead.

M3 STUDENTS (co2026)

- **Application Deadline: Physicians of Tomorrow Scholarship:** 2/17. [Read all about it here...](#)
- **Entering Advanced Integration Checklist:** Please complete now! Please log into OASIS and complete the Entering Advanced Integration Checklist. We have deployed a requirement checklist for your class to complete prior to entering Advanced Integration. Please attend to these items by March 18. If you have questions, or any issues while completing the checklist, [please let us know](#).

M4 STUDENTS (co2025)

It was nice to see so many of you for the GQ Launch this morning! For anyone who wasn't able to attend the GQ presentation, please [watch the recording](#) (Passcode: *hha3?SD). Complete the survey and forward a copy of your confirmation email to StudentCOMServices@med.uvm.edu or drop it in the box in OME to be entered into **drawings for fun prizes!** We will draw two of the first 25 entries to receive a \$25 Amazon or DoorDash gift card, and **if you submit your confirmation before 11:59pm on Monday, 2/17 you will be entered to win one of two \$50 gift cards to a restaurant of your choice** (*gift cards must be available to purchase online*)! Weekly prize drawings and Monthly Mega Drawings will continue through the close of the survey in June. Complete your survey and send in your entry early for the most chances to win!

- **Save-the-Date for Match Day!:** Friday, March 21, 2025, 11:45 A.M. This year's Match Day will be held in-person in the Hoehl Gallery at Larner College of Medicine with a Hollywood, ["Lights, Camera Match!"](#) theme. Many of you have begun making plans for family and friends to join you for this important milestone in your medical school career. Tickets will not be required for guests but please be aware that there is limited capacity in the Hoehl Gallery. Overflow seating with livestream viewing will be available in HSRF 200, HSRF 300 and the Sullivan Classroom. Match Day will be recorded. The link to the livestream will be shared with the Class of 2025 as Match Day approaches. If you or a guest attending Match Day needs an ASL interpreter or other accommodations, including accessible parking, [please contact Liz Dohrman](#) by February 28 with the specific services you or your guest need. Class of 2025 students participating in Match Day should arrive at the lobby outside the Sullivan Classroom at 11:00 A.M. on March 21. The class will process from the lobby, through Given, into the Hoehl Gallery. Match Day will begin with brief remarks shortly after 11:45, with names being called for envelope distribution beginning at 12pm. With many members of the class participating in Match Day, we ask that those announcing on stage limit remarks to include your name, who is on stage with you, what specialty you applied to and where you matched.
- **WE WANT YOU! - Commencement Student Keynote Speaker:** 03/10 submission deadline. [Submit your drafted speech to be considered for the Commencement Student Keynote Speaker...](#)
- **Match Rank List:** For those applying in the main match, you have until 3/5/25 to finalize your rank list in NRMP. Don't forget to make sure that you are certified by 3/5/25.
- **Howe Award for Excellence in Surgery:** DEADLINE 3/31 Howe Award for Excellence in Surgery Co2025. Established Harry Howe, MD '52, this award (\$1000) will recognize a student for excellence in the field. To be considered submit an essay (<1000 words) on "The Attributes of an Outstanding Physician" along with a brief personal statement. [Submit to Lisa Washburn](#)