Introduction

A New Venue for Communication

This newsletter was created to provide a central location in which students could find important dates, reminders, technology tips and learn more about WVSOM. In the Student Exit Survey, many students indicated that it would be helpful if email communication could be condensed and if they could receive refreshers for eMedley. For example, how to use filters in eMedley (in this issue) or make better use of their eMedley dashboard for exam review (future issue). In reading your responses to the Exit Survey, we also found that many students were uncertain of the roles that some WVSOM Departments play in supporting their education. Therefore, each month’s newsletter will also introduce a new Department. Finally, each newsletter will include a link that you can use to provide feedback on how we can make this newsletter better support you!

Meet: Office of Assessment and Educational Development (OAED)

The WVSOM Office of Assessment and Educational Development (OAED) promotes and supports innovation, quality improvement, and academic best practices in the WVSOM community. Our work falls into six* main areas:
1. Academic Technology—We oversee eMedley and support the use of technology for academic purposes across all 4 years of the curriculum.
2. Educational Development—We provide faculty development on pedagogy and instructional technology and administer the Years 1 & 2 Coaching program.
3. Accreditation—We lead and facilitate the work that keeps our school accredited by the HLC, the AOA, and COCA.
4. Institutional Data—We manage institutional level data and provide statistical consulting for researchers.
5. Assessment and Quality Improvement—We collect data about student experiences through numerous surveys. We analyze and interpret your survey response and share your feedback with other stakeholders so that they can make informed decisions.

*The Office of National Boards and Exam Center—also part of OAED—will be introduced in a separate column.

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Updates from Office of National Boards and Exam Center

**Years 1 and 2:** Remote testing is going well! Remember, that your exam uploads quickly. As soon as the text disappears, the exam answers are uploaded. The video, however, may take some time, especially on longer exams. Also, remember to update the shared link if you decide to cancel your review session in the Exam Center (by deleting your name). If you are canceling on the day of, please delete your name on the spreadsheet AND email the Exam Center (examcenter@osteo.wvsom.edu) so that we can confirm

**Year 1:** On Tuesday September 22nd at 10 am, the first Board Prep session of Year 1 will be held. Dr. Carrier will be reviewing the Kaplan product and Dr. Benson will be demonstrating a Skin Course Practice Quiz using Kaplan.

**Year 2:** On Wednesday September 2nd at 11 am, there will be a Board Prep session that will include updates on Kaplan, USMLE, and “Fact or Fiction”? Myth busting. Dr. Krajacic will also present about how you can translate your curriculum success into licensure success and strong rotations in Year 3. On Friday September 18th, we’ll have another Board Prep Session on “How to get the most out of your Q-banks”.

**Year 3:** Continue the great work on your COMATs! You are all off to a great start! We should have all of the Level 1 score reports over the next few weeks and a class update will be shared as soon as that information is available.

**Year 4:** NBOME is planning to start PE (as of now) on November 1st. ONBEC will keep you posted as things progress and whether your exams can be moved sooner. Once all COMLEX Level 2 CE scores are in, Dr. Carrier will send out a class update.

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**We want your feedback and ideas!**

We want your feedback! Please use the link [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XXGMXG6](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XXGMXG6) or QR code to let us know how we can make this newsletter more useful and to make suggestions for future topics.

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**eMedley Tips: Using the Filter Tool**

If you are feeling overwhelmed by the list of videos, documents etc. in eMedley, remember you can use the filter tool to narrow your search for specific items. To use the filter tool for this purpose, follow these steps:

1. After you have logged into eMedley, go to Educate.
2. To filter for items, click on the funnel icon on the right side of the search bar.
3. You will see the following filters:
   - **Type**—allows you to choose specific types of content such as homework, announcements, tests etc.,
   - **Section**—pull-down menu to filter by course,
   - **Author**—filters by who posted the material,
   - **Content**—allows you to enter specific terms (i.e. genetics) and will show you everywhere this term appears in the title of a lecture, and
   - **Session**—use this if you know the name of a specific lecture that you want to find.
4. Once you have chosen the filters you want, click **Filter**. You will see a list of the materials that were found. Click the + sign beside a name to see the material.
5. A reminder: eMedley allows you to work in one academic term at a time. Always make sure you are in the correct term!

For more information check out the handout at [https://www.wvsom.edu/sites/default/files/u198/Using%20Educate.pdf](https://www.wvsom.edu/sites/default/files/u198/Using%20Educate.pdf)

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When applied correctly, filters can help you see your information more clearly.

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## Important Dates

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<td><strong>General September Events</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Dates Regarding Residency Applications and The Match</strong> (From the Office of Graduate Medical Education—GME)</td>
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<td>September 1, 2020</td>
<td>Applicants may begin submitting applications to residency programs at 9 a.m. ET.</td>
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<td>September 29, 2020</td>
<td>WVSOM upload MSPEs to ERAS</td>
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<td>September 30, 2020</td>
<td>WVSOM release of Military packets to Military GME offices</td>
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<td>October 21, 2020</td>
<td>Residency programs may begin reviewing applications and MSPEs are released to programs at 9 a.m. ET.</td>
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<td>December 8, 2020</td>
<td>Military Match</td>
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<td>January 2021</td>
<td>San Francisco, Urology Residency and Military Match results are available.</td>
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<td>January 31, 2021</td>
<td>NRMP Match registration deadline</td>
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<td>February 1, 2021</td>
<td>NRMP Rank Order List opens</td>
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<td>March 3, 2021</td>
<td>NRMP ROL deadline 9 p.m. ET</td>
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<td>March 15, 2021</td>
<td>Student receive Match/Unmatch status 10:30 a.m. ET; Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP®) begins at 11 a.m. ET</td>
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<td>March 19, 2021</td>
<td>National Resident Matching Program (NRMP®) main residency match results will be available at 1 p.m. ET.</td>
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<td>April 16, 2021</td>
<td>Deadline for students to complete GME/Alumni information sheet.</td>
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<td>May 31, 2021</td>
<td>ERAS 2021 season ends: MyERAS closes at 5 p.m. ET.</td>
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Resources for Students and Alumni Participating in The Match

WVSOM GME website
- Video resources
- WVSOM GME Guide to the Match
- WVSOM Match Data
- Residency Roundtable held virtually the first Tuesday of the month (for all WVSOM students)

AAMC residency resource website

NRMP Match resource website

Ongoing Services

Student Peer Recovery Support

Through a partnership with Southern WV Collegiate Recovery Network and Seneca Mental Health, Inc., a peer recovery coach is assigned to the WVSOM campus. Our peer recovery coach is Gabrielle Andrews. Gabby’s role is to provide recovery support services and assistance to our students, who may be in recovery themselves and/or have friends or family in recovery. She may be reached at gandrews@osteo.wvosm.edu or by phone at 304-618-3494. She is located at the Clingman Center for Community Engagement where she will be offering a variety of classes and meetings. Some of her current events include:
- All Recovery Meetings: every Wednesday, 5pm, Clingman Center
- Recovery Craft Workshops: 1st Thursday every month, 6pm, Clingman Center
- Stress Relief Groups: every Monday, 5pm, Clingman Center.

Tutoring Services

First year students--- be sure to check out the peer tutoring offerings! We have trained tutors who are second year students ready to assist first year students with questions, study tips and review sessions. Sessions take place on TEAMS on the Tutor Team. The schedule for each upcoming week is posted on the general Tutor Teams page under the “files” tab. Tutor Hailee Peterson will be sending out reminder emails on Fridays, so look for those as well. You can chat in the tutors’ channels to let them know topics that you would like to cover and ask questions. Please take advantage of this great service to make your first year more enjoyable and more successful! If you have any questions, contact Kelley Sills, tutor coordinator, at ksills@osteo.wvosm.edu.

“Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.”
– Christian D. Larson
Conferences

October 1-4 2020—WVOMA, Virtual and Asynchronous Poster session
Abstracts for WVOMA are due Sept. 1, 2020 by 5pm EST. More info about requirements are available here: Student Research Page. On the webpage, scroll down to the dropdown option titled “WV Osteopathic Medical Association (WVOMA), October 1-4, 2020. Abstracts due September 1, 2020” under the “Presentation Opportunities, Conference, and Internships” section for more info on requirements.

Though WVOMA is virtual this year, there will be a poster session available throughout the WVOMA conference. Poster presentations will be virtual and asynchronous. Each submission, if accepted, will need to create a poster in 16X9 format and record a 3-4 minute audio talk presenting the poster. These videos will be available online throughout the conference and attendees will be able to ask questions and make comments on the poster presentation. Poster presenters are expected to answer questions posted within the conference timeline (does not have to be immediately, but prior to the close of WVOMA)

October 14-15, 2020—West Virginia Rural Health Association’s 2020 Conference
The theme is West Virginia’s Resilience: Innovation in Meeting Rural Challenges. The deadline for submissions is past, but you can still attend. There are 113 fill Conference Scholarships available to students and community members residing anywhere in West Virginia. You can register and find out more information including how to apply for a scholarship here: https://wvrha.org/2020-conference-registration/

WVSOM has a really great presence in WVRHA and at the 2020 Conference, and we hope you can join us!
If you have any questions, please reach out to Courtney Hereford, Assistant Director of WVSOM Center for Rural and Community Health at chereford@osteo.wvsom.edu.

Other Opportunities

Work Study Positions
If you are interested in a work study job, available positions are posted on the WVSOM website at https://www.wvsom.edu/OMS/work-study.

Scholarship/Service
The Rural Health Initiative (RHI) is pleased to announce an opportunity for WVSOM students, the RHI Rural Physician Service Program. The Rural Physician Service Program is a program that incentivizes WVSOM students to remain in West Virginia to practice. Students who are selected will receive a monetary award of $22,000. In exchange for the award, students agree to practice at an eligible service site within West Virginia for one year. In addition, students receive enhanced rural health training through the Rural Health Initiative (RHI) program. The service program is targeted towards first through third-year WVSOM students. Students applying are not required to be enrolled in RHI. However, once accepted into the Rural Physician Service Program recipients will be required to participate in industry activities (4-6 events during third-year) and other required RHI events (1-3 events per year). Look for the opening of applications and emails at the beginning of October! Applications will be due November 30th, 2020.

Research
Remember that there are resources for students interested in participating in Research and Scholarly Activity projects. Information on upcoming abstract submission due dates, conference presentations, and summer externships is available on this page: https://www.wvsom.edu/ORSP/Research-Students

Also available on this web page is information on how to do literature reviews, case reports, and how to get a project approved by WVSOM. Remember that all projects must be approved in advance of undertaking the project.

Finally, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs often gets asked about how to start a research project or how to find a research mentor. The best plan for finding a research mentor is to reach out to faculty, with whom you have similar interests. Check out the faculty interests on this page: https://www.wvsom.edu/ORSP/faculty Clinicians who do not have a webpage presence may still be willing to work with you on a case report. Reach out to faculty directly.