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NEWSLETTER FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF



April 2018

Congratulations to the Class of 2018! We had a great time celebrating you at Match Day! We wish each of you the very best as you wrap up M4 year and begin your transition to residency.



Check out the highlights from the Chicago Match Day celebration:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VLYntInhWY>

Here are the links to the University of Illinois College of Medicine, 2018 Match results:

Chicago-<https://chicago.medicine.uic.edu/education/md-student-services-and-support/academic-and-career-advising-and-support/match-preparation-past-results/com-chicago-match-results/>

Peoria-<https://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/education/md-student-life/ceremonies-and-events/match-day/>

Rockford-<https://rockford.medicine.uic.edu/match-day-results/>

Urbana-<https://www.med.illinois.edu/MSP/About/Match/>



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Commencement



The 136th College of Medicine Commencement is scheduled for May 11th from 2 – 4 p.m. at the UIC Pavilion. Free attendance for guests (no limit) and tickets are not required. More information can be found [here](#).

Special Hooding Ceremony

The Special Hooding Ceremony, held at 10:00 am on the morning of Graduation Day, May 11, 2018, is an optional event that provides the opportunity for MD and PhD candidates to be hooded by a family member or special faculty member who holds an MD, PhD, or professional terminal degree. Participation in this ceremony is in addition to the regular College of Medicine Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2018 at 2:00pm. If you are interested in taking part in this ceremony please click [here](#) to be taken to the College of Medicine Special Hooding webpage. The deadline to register for this event is April 20, 2018. Please note the deadline to register for this event is a hard deadline to ensure all preparations for the ceremony can be made in a timely manner.



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Spaces for

Wellness



Spaces for Wellness is a collaboration between UIC's Centers for Cultural Understanding and Social Change (CCUSC) focused on the themes of identity (e.g. race, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation) and mental health. The communities that our centers support and represent have unique and overlapping histories with mental health, including how they have been stigmatized, harmed, and helped by mental health systems, practitioners, and agencies. The goal of Spaces for Wellness is to build on our anti-oppression spaces of trust to provide platforms for UIC students, faculty, and staff to acknowledge challenges and struggles and identify strategies for personal and community care. Through intersectional and creative programming, the CCUSC are engaging UIC in dynamic ways to support individual, community, and familial well-being and work towards holistic understandings of wellness.

Spring 2018 Events

Feb 23
Friday
Hull House
S. Halsted & Polk
5:30 - 8:30 pm

Poetry Is Not A Luxury: Black Women Witnessing in Dangerous Times

Black women bearing witness in dangerous times. Come hear these phenomenal Black women poets at UIC: Krista Franklin, Nikki Patin, Rosamond King, and Tara Betts. Event is free and open to the public. Refreshments served. Books will be available for purchase.

Mar 7
Wednesday
African-American
Cultural Center Gallery
Adams Hall 207
3 - 5 pm

Accessing Joy: Creative Strategies for Community Care

There is not one way to be Black. This program will explore a broad spectrum of Black millennial identity expressions and how expressive arts might be engaged to foster communities of care. We consider the affirming power of making visible diverse and valid expressions of blackness "...in order to combat the harms that emerge from being boxed in" (Mansakahn, project submission). Featuring the works of Black visual artist Nathan Mansakahn.

Apr 4
Wednesday
Latino Cultural Center,
Lecture Center B2
3 - 5 pm

Erasing the Distance: Countering Stigma Through Storytelling

During this session, we engage with true stories from people whose lives have been directly impacted by issues of mental health, including those informed by interactions with various social, political and cultural systems. Through an ensemble of performances from *Erasing the Distance*, this event aims to disrupt stigma and spark dialogue with the audience.

Apr 12
Thursday
Arab American
Cultural Center
111 Stevenson Hall
4 - 6 pm

Out of the Shadows: Challenging the Stigma around Mental Health in Arab and Muslim Immigrant Communities

Arab American counselor and licensed social worker Souzan Nasser will lead a discussion on how we can approach mental health issues in today's world while challenging the stigma immigrant communities often associate with mental illness and disabilities. The event will close with a performance and activity focused on community-based wellness and healing.

Apr 18
Wednesday
African-American
Cultural Center Gallery
Adams Hall 207
12 - 2 pm

Brave Spaces: Gender and Mental Health

How does gender identity correlate to mental health? What stigmas exist and why is there often such a big difference? We explore these topics and more in our gender and mental health workshop facilitated by Apna Ghar!

Apr 23
Monday
LOCATION TBA
12 pm

Working in Intolerable Spaces/Times: Living Towards Justice in Academic Institutions

Expert Margaret Price, author of *Mad at School: Rhetorics of Mental Disability and Academic Life* (UM Press, 2011), will address the following issues: If disability is to be retained as a meaningful academic/activist category, it will have to confront its own politics of inequity. She will critically analyze the reliance on normative structures of space and time while offering the theory of "crip spacetime" as a means toward thinking about disability differently. Her talk will entail a discussion on how we can re-think the assumptions we make about what "disabled" people are and need.



Centers for Cultural Understanding and Social Change



Diversity



GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

Wheelchair accessible. For questions about accessibility, contact 312-413-1024. For more information and accommodations please contact the hosting Center.



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Financial Aid & Registrar

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Financial Aid

Summer 2018 manual award processing has started. All COM students enrolled for the Summer 2018 should receive a revised award letter by April 30th.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship for Professional Students is still available in the UIC SnAP scholarship system. The award amount is \$5000 for the 2018-19 academic year. Students may access the criteria and application for this opportunity and almost 30 other UIC Student Affairs opportunities in UIC SnAP via <https://uic.academicworks.com/>

Deadline to submit the SnAP scholarship application is **April 2, 2018.**

Financial Aid and Student Debt Management Initiative: If you have any topic(s) that you'd like our office to talk about on our New COM Financial Aid YouTube Channel please email us at medicinesinaid@uic.edu.



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M1

Still looking to perfect your Med School study strategies?

Academic Center for Excellence:

Request an Academic Coach

ACE Instructors will work with students on a one-on-one basis to address academic concerns and to aid students in planning a course of action.

ACE staff can meet for one or two sessions or on a continual basis throughout the semester or academic year.

To make an appointment for academic coaching, call 312-413-0031.

Peer Education Program:

Learn from Fellow Students

Drop-in to the PEP office hours, check-out the open reviews, or ask your OSA advisor about small group assignments for specific courses. More information can be found on the PEP [blackboard page](#).

M2

Save the Date!

Friday May 4th, 2018 there will be a mandatory, proctored CBSSA for all students.

Reminder:

The deadline to delay Step 1 will be Friday May 18th, 2018.

Please speak to your OSA advisor regarding your options and the applicable policy.

Good luck on finals!

- ❑ M2 Final Exams Study Break: Breakfast

April 11, 2018 @ 9:00am

Location: 420 CMW Study Lounge

- ❑ M2 Final Exams –Chair Massage

April 11, 2018

TIME Slots – 11am-1pm

Location: 424 CMW

Please schedule your 10 min appoint with Casey Jones via email and she will assign you a time slot – cjones75@uic.edu





M3

We are now accepting applications for the Gold Humanism Honor Society Class of 2019. If you are interested in humanistic activities and service to others, we encourage you to submit your application. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Instructions for Applying

The application is due Friday, April 20, 2018. Please submit by email to Melissa Hernandez pmhern@uic.edu. You may also submit the application in person to OSA or by mail. Please find the application materials on your M3 resource [blackboard](#) page under GHHS.

Eligibility

In order to apply you must be a Spring/May or Summer/August graduate in the class of 2019. Also, incidents of unprofessionalism are taken into account when evaluating applicants for the honor society.

Complete Application

Only complete applications will be accepted by the GHHS Committee. The components of the application are the following, the word documents are attached under M3 resource page named GHHS.

- ❑ **Application Coversheet**
- ❑ **Curriculum Vitae**
- ❑ **Personal Statement**
- ❑ **Volunteer and Service Summary**
- ❑ **Two Letters of Recommendation**

M4

Please complete the Graduate Questionnaire!

The American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) Graduate Questionnaire (GQ) is now open for current M4s to complete. All students who complete the GQ survey will receive a \$50 voucher to the UIC bookstore. To redeem your voucher please bring the confirmation form or email from the AAMC to the Office of Student Affairs. More information on the GQ can be found here <https://www.aamc.org/data/gq/>.

The GQ survey provides critical information to the College to help identify strengths and weaknesses and to improve the student experience. In addition, the GQ survey plays an important role in information we provide to the LCME for accreditation. Thus, we encourage all students to complete the GQ so all students are represented.

