SPRING CALENDAR

4/27 - Dean’s Social Rounds | LKSC Herb Garden 5:30pm
  4/28- Crawfish Boil | Dean’s Lawn 2:00pm
  4/30 - SMSA Meeting | Dean’s Boardroom (LKSC 320), 7-8:30pm
  5/3 or 4 - Happy Hour with Stanford Law School | Dutch Goose, Time TBA
  5/5 - Cinco de Mayo Beach Day | Location TBA
  5/6 - Paint Pub | Location and Time TBA
  5/11 - Happy Hour | LKSC Steps, 5:30pm

5/11 - SMSA Graduation Ceremony | Coupa Cafe at Stanford Golf Course, 6pm

5/12 or 13 - Silicon Valley Open Studios w/ cardiologist & artist Jane Lombard

  5/14 - SMSA Meeting | Dean’s Boardroom, 7-8:30pm
  5/15- SoM Faculty Senate | Dean’s Boardroom, 5:15-7:15pm
  5/18 - Happy Hour | LKSC Steps, 5:15-7:15pm
  5/25 - Happy Hour | LKSC Steps, 5:30pm

5/28 - SMSA Meeting | Dean’s Boardroom, 7-8:30pm

Various April & May dates- SMSA/AOA Resident-Med Student Small Group Dinners

*As a reminder, please add events to the SMSA calendar on the homepage of the
  SMSA Website
SMSA OVERVIEW

The Stanford Medical Student Association serves first and foremost to advocate for the student body. We function as a liaison between students, faculty, and the administration. As a responsible custodian of student body resources, SMSA supports student groups and promotes education, community service, social well-being, and leadership.

All students at the Stanford University School of Medicine are members of SMSA and are represented by an elected executive council consisting of executive officers, class representatives, social chairs, wellness chairs, recruitment representatives, representatives of the Committee on Curriculum and Academic Performance (CCAP), and alumni representatives. A list of current officers can be found here.

The current structure of SMSA is as follows:

**Executive Committee**
- President (1)
- Vice President of Advocacy (1)
- Vice President of Operations (1)
- Treasurer (1)
- Immediate Past President (1)

**Class Representatives**
- MSPA (2)
- MS1 (2)
- MS2 (1)
- MS3 (1)
- MS4 (2)
- MS5+ (1)

**Social Chairs**
- Preclinical (2)
- Clinical (1)

**Wellness Chairs**
- MS1 (2)
- MS2 (2)
- Clinical (1)

**CCAP Representatives**
- MS1 (2)
- MS2 (2)
- Clinical (4)
- Off-year/MSTP (1)

**Recruitment Chairs (2)**

**Alumni Liaisons (2)**

Through the election of the above officers, SMSA is specifically responsible for maintaining open lines of communication with the School administration to advocate for student needs (e.g. 4th floor improvements, academic resources, connections throughout the School of Medicine), advocate & provide input for curricular changes (e.g. curricular redesign, MedScholars/TA policies, specific class issues), provide funding to student groups and new initiatives, assist with the recruitment of the next incoming class, facilitate student bonding through social events, promote student wellness through wellness events, provide student-alumni connections, and more.

Please read through the following sections for more details on SMSA’s role and functions. We hope this Quarterly Update will shed more light on what exactly SMSA does.
CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO ANNUAL SURVEY

The following changes have been adopted, starting immediately, based on feedback from students gathered in the annual survey:

1) SMSA will release a quarterly newsletter containing a summary of their initiatives and spending
2) SMSA will advertise general meetings (which are all open to all students) on a monthly basis to encourage attendance and transparency
3) SMSA funds will no longer be used to purchase hard alcohol
4) SMSA will adopt an incident response plan (detailed below) to respond to acute incidents that impact students and our community (like the Parkland shooting, Charleston, immigration ban, etc)

SMSA INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN

When an incident (ranging from those affecting Stanford Med directly to national and international events) occurs that is determined by the SMSA officers to significantly impact our students or community, or is brought to our attention by a concerned student, the following will occur (supervised by the VP of Advocacy):

1) Within 48 hours, SMSA will contact the student group(s) relevant to the incident to see if they are planning a response (as have been undertaken in the past by SHJC, White Coats for Black Lives, etc)
   a) If yes, SMSA will coordinate with the group to provide logistic, personnel and/or financial support for the event, as appropriate
   b) If no, SMSA will organize an event(s) to address the incident, which at minimum will be a reflection space for affected students and may include teach-ins, rallies, town halls, or formal statements, as appropriate
NEW INITIATIVES

4th Floor Improvements:
* White coat room cleaned and organized, several shelving units added
  * 4th floor lounge cleaned by first year officers and volunteers
  * Window blinds added to the nap room via OMSA
  * Coffee and fruit on the 4th floor provided twice a week (M/F)
  * Monthly lounge and fridge/microwave cleaning by Building Services

New items purchased for 4th floor:
* 3 external monitors + adapters for any students to use
* New ping-pong table
* Board games
* Aromatherapy diffuser
* Markers and erasers for 4th floor study rooms
* Basketball for student use

SMSA Website
* Created, updated, regularly maintained
* Detailed information on SMSA funding
* List of contact information for all student groups
* Quarterly list of lunch & dinner seminars
  * Helpful links for medical students

Social and Wellness
* Implemented weekly Thursday happy hours
* Reformed Moonlighting to be more inclusive (more EANABS, addition of carnival games, etc)
* Obtained funding for new Graduation Celebration event (many graduates cannot attend our [late]
  commencement due to early residency start dates)
* Organized and funded fall thank you event for Dr. Charles Prober (former Senior Associate Dean for
  Medical Education, replaced in interim by Dr. Gesundheit)
* Organized and funded SMS Field Day
* New Wellness initiatives (e.g. book club, Chill Chats, Desserts & Discourse, hiking)

Exec/Misc:
* The SMSA President is now a voting member of the Faculty Senate
  and a member of the Faculty/Student Quality & Wellness Subcommittee
  * Reformed and formalized the selection process for AAMC
    Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) delegates
* Implemented the first Annual Survey in many years and formed this subsequent report
  * Addition of 2 elected MSPA representatives
* Donated 20 new oto/ophthalmoscopes to POM for preclinical and clinical student use
NEW INITIATIVES (CONTINUED)

CCAP (Committee on Curriculum and Academic Performance)

Curriculum Redesign & Implementation
* SMSA President and senior CCAP members sit on the Curriculum Redesign executive committee
* SMSA CCAP facilitated recruitment and training of student representatives on Curriculum Redesign sub-committees
  * Sub-committee descriptions can be found here
  * List of student representatives can be found here
* Facilitated discussions and gathered MS1 input on MedScholars/TAship limit, wrote a strong letter to administration, convinced CCAP to refrain from any policy changes for current students
  * Working Group being formed to evaluate this policy for future students, SMSA CCAP representatives will play a hugely important role
* Convinced administration to allow students to be a part of the selection process for the new Q6 Pathophysiology course director
* Convinced both the Pre-Clerkship Directors (PCD) and Required Clerkship Directors (RCD) committees to allow students to attend and participate in their monthly meetings

Preclinical (MS1 + MS2)
* Representatives have become much more proactive in soliciting feedback about courses from their classmates
* Regular meetings with course directors to pass along feedback and suggested improvements
* Gained permission to view course feedback and provide context/corrections before the feedback is sent to course directors
* Convinced Dr. Bernstein to form a working group to evaluate and reform the first year Neurobiology course (summer 2018)
* Strongly advocated for and initiated changes in the structure of HHD lab sessions

Clinical
* Heavy participants in discussions on how to improve RRAP days
* Strongly advocating for Early Clinical Experiences (ECE) as part of the Curriculum Redesign
FALL AND WINTER QUARTER EVENTS RECAP

Football Tailgates

MS1’s:

MS2’s: Carmel Trip, Secret Santa, End of Quarter Parties, Holiday Potluck, Class Brunch, Preclin Graduation Celebration and Superlatives

Weekly Happy Hours

Community Meetings with SUMMA

Dr. Prober Thank You Event

Dean’s Social Rounds

Marmor Arts Gala

MS3’s:
Class dinners at Dutch Goose, Dan Gordon’s

SMS Field Day

Match Day Festivities

Gardner Dinner

Second Look Events

MS4+: Match Day Festivities, Graduation Celebration

Halloween Progressive

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SMSA ANNUAL SURVEY SUMMARY

Thanks to everyone who completed the 2018 Annual Survey! Starting this year, we administered a survey to see how SMSA is doing and solicit feedback from the class. To view aggregate results, click here.

FALL AND WINTER FUNDING BREAKDOWN

For those of you curious about how SMSA is spending our money, here is a breakdown of what we spent on for Fall and Winter quarters:

LINKS AND REMINDERS

Add lunch and dinner seminars here
Add events to the SMSA Calendar here
*Vote* in the upcoming SMSA election