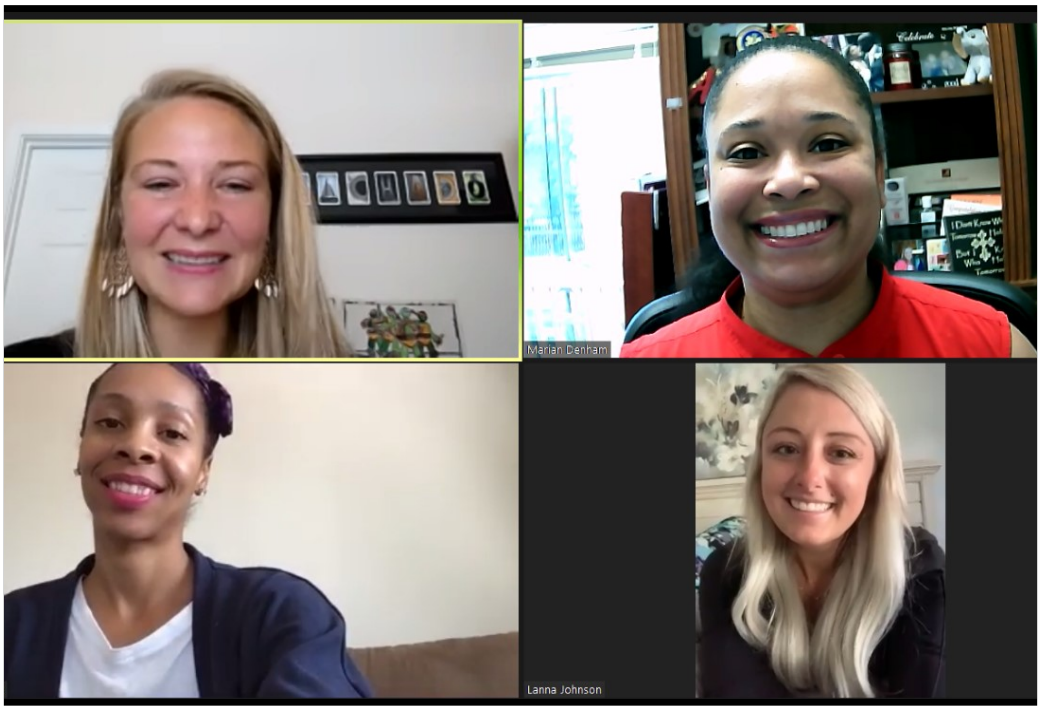

UA Office Of Health Professions Advising Newsletter

August 2020

Welcome back, Students!

We are very excited to start another school year with each of you! Although our world changed forever back in March, we were proud to hear stories about how our pre-health students were making a positive impact during a rapidly changing time in our world's history. Resilience, adaptability, and desire to make a difference are all qualities that professional schools value in their applicants, and we can say with confidence that our students are all of these things and MORE!

In many ways, our advising office was business as usual this summer. We helped to process over 300 committee letter packets for our medical, dental, and optometry school applicants. We were an active part of the onboarding of over 1,800 A&S Bama Bounders (and hundreds more across campus via email and appointments).

While advising appointments and interactions may look a little different for now (almost all of them will be via Zoom through our advising appointment link), we will still provide you with the same quality, individualized encounters with us that we have in the past. Opportunities to get involved and our programing will still be announced through our listserv email and monthly newsletter. We encourage you to read our correspondences as to not miss any opportunities!

As future healthcare leaders, we hope that you were watching as current healthcare workers stepped up and worked tirelessly and bravely to care for our communities during this pandemic. While each of you are not healthcare workers yet, we know that you will seek ways to share your desire to impact the communities around you, while you are still a student. Demonstrating that you care about your community will come in a variety of ways this year, whether it's finding creative ways to volunteer or simply wearing a facial covering to prevent the spread of Covid-19. We are proud of how each of you will rise during this time and we look forward to helping you in your journey towards the health profession of your choice.

As we navigate this time, we must all remember to extend each grace, understanding, and patience to each other. Remember, we are all #TideTogether

Cheers to a safe and successful fall semester!
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Announcements & Important Dates

- **Have a quick question? Check out Advising in the Woods!** Walk-in sessions are available via our "Advising in the Woods" program during the first two weeks of the semester this fall. Advising in the Woods will include having A&S Advisors stationed behind Clark Hall in Woods Quad for students to get help with time-sensitive issues while practicing social distancing.

  Where: Woods Quad behind Clark Hall
  When: Monday, August 17th - Friday, August 28th from 9-11:00 a.m. & 1:30-3:30 p.m.

- **Get On Board Day** will be held virtually on August 26th and 27th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Connect with pre-health clubs at this event. Visit https://prehealth.ua.edu/student-organizations/ for a list of pre-professional pre-health student organizations. Stay tuned to https://thesource.sa.ua.edu/get-involved/get-board-day/ for information on how to attend the event.

- The fall shadowing application for The University Medical Center is now closed. Students who are selected will be contacted directly by the UMC. Students who don't hear anything from the UMC by September 7th are encouraged to apply again next semester.

- **UAB School of Medicine** will host an open house a virtual Rural Medicine Scholars Preview Day for all interested pre-medical students on Friday, September 25th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. See attached flyer for details.

- **Southern COMS for Southern Schools**, a virtual College of Osteopathic Medicine School Fair, will be held on Thursday, September 3rd from 11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. See attached flyer for details.

August 19th: Classes begin
August 26th: Last day to add or drop a course without a grade of "W" for the fall full term
August 26th & August 27th: Fall Get On Board Day
September 7th: University of Alabama closed for Labor Day

Remember to visit prehealth.ua.edu often for the most up-to-date announcements.

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Join our listserv!

This is how we send out important info to pre-health students

Webinar

Rural Programs Preview Day

Please join us for a webinar on our rural medical programs.

Dr. Christina Grabowski, along with the directors for the rural medical programs Dr. David Bramm and Dr. Drake Lavender, will discuss the admissions and application process, as well as the program-specific information for each of our rural medical programs. We will also host a student panel to answer your questions about the student experience of our rural medical programs.

Friday, Sept. 25, 2020
2–4 p.m. Central Time
Online via Zoom

Pre-registration is required

https://admissions.som.uab.edu/Prospect/SignupEvent.aspx?id=6

UAB SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Southern COMs for Southern Schools

Join us for a virtual event hosted by the colleges of osteopathic medicine in your own back yard!

Southern COMs for Southern Schools is a collaboration of 15 colleges of osteopathic medicine all dedicated to helping you on your journey to medical school.

This is a one-stop-shop to ask questions and connect with osteopathic admissions officers from across the Southeastern United States!

September 3, 2020

12:30 pm-1:30 pm est (11:30 pm -12:30 pm cst): Welcome Q/A
Moderated by Dr. Lauren Albaum, Vice President, Southeastern Association of Advisors for the Health Professions

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm est (12:30 pm – 2:30 pm cst): Virtual sessions with participating schools

Register HERE

Questions about the application or admissions process?
Submit them Here!

Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine

University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine

New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine at Arkansas State University

LMU DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine, Lincoln Memorial University

Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Southeast Health Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine

Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine

University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine

VCOM Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine — Virginia • Carolinas • Auburn • Louisiana

William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine

PCOM Georgia

West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

LECOM

hsc Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine