Welcome to New Orleans Class of 2016!

Class of 2016 and UQ-OCS faculty at the White Coat Ceremony on January 3, 2015

**Academics**
- USMLE Step 1 scores have been coming in and so far, Class of 2016 average is a 228. This is exactly on par with US med students.
- We are always trying to expand USMLE study resources based on students’ experiences. Lionel Raymond lectures every quarter starting from Year 1 is currently being discussed.
- OCS has started mandatory interviews for the Ochsner 2019 cohort.
- Interest Groups for almost every specialty: IM, FM, Surgery, OB/GYN, Peds, Neuro/Psych, EM, PM&R, Radiology, Anesthesia/Crit Care
- Dr. Area will be leading another Spanish Medical Workshop – **next one is on Saturday, Feb. 21**

**Research**
- Mike Pfeffer, OMSA Research Representative, is making excellent progress with Dr. Alam on an up-to-date database that will be accessible by all students.
- Faculty are working on a streamlined application process for research projects, including direct uploading of CV and student details to principal investigators.
- We are getting in contact with ongoing Journal Clubs with individual departments at Ochsner for students to attend. Great way to make face contact and learn about the latest research in the field
- **Ochsner Research Day Abstract Submission Deadline is February 9th**

**Calling for ideas and examples of a new OMSA logo!** Show your talent and it could be showcased on new OMSA gear!
Email OMSALiaison@ochsner.org

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Community Outreach

- On January 25th, 3rd and 4th year UQ-OCS students volunteered at the King Cake Festival located at the Superdome and Champion’s Square. They manned the race course, helped out at the finish line and medical tents. They also had the chance to try lots of different king cakes!
- On January 31st, 8 UQ-OCS students volunteered at a health fair in Algiers where they helped screen over 150 participants.
- On February 7th, students participated in maintaining the gardens and trails in Lacombe as part of “Work/Play Days” organized by the Friends of Louisiana Wildlife Refuges.
- On February 8th, students served as Running Buddies with local teens at the fundraising 5K race, the 504K, in partnership with Youth Run NOLA
- Another Tobacco Cessation training will be offered soon for 3rd and 4th years so look out for the upcoming session!
- Jess Lozier, OMSA Outreach Officer, will be looking for volunteers to coordinate and lead each project.
Other outreach opportunities:

**Neuro/Psych**

- **Autism Society of Greater New Orleans** needs volunteers for Family Game Night every month in Slidell, Monthly Art Club every Wednesday evening in Chalmette and the upcoming *Autism Awareness Festival* on **April 15th**. Contact [omsaneuropsych@gmail.com](mailto:omsaneuropsych@gmail.com) for details.

**Pediatrics (PIG)**

- **St. Baldrick’s Day on February 27, 2015**. In partnership with Tulane’s PIG to support awareness for childhood disease and cancer, participants can pledge to either shave their heads or donate to Locks of Love. If interested, email [omsapediatrics@gmail.com](mailto:omsapediatrics@gmail.com)

- **Hogs for a Cause on March 27-28, 2015**. Annual 2-day event at City Park to raise money for aid and relief for families experiencing pediatric brain cancer treatment. Volunteers would help sell tickets and man stalls, with *free admission and 10 tickets for food/drink*! If interested, contact [sarahadonnell@gmail.com](mailto:sarahadonnell@gmail.com)
Some photos from UQ-OCS events at the end of 2014:

Pediatrics Interest Group (PIG) at Boofest in October 2014. The PIG crew raised almost $500 and used the proceeds to create the haunted house and of course give out lots of Halloween candy!

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Some members of the Class of 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 reunite at the End of Year Dinner hosted by the Ochsner Alumni Association in November 2014

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Uptown Parade Schedule:
Wednesday Feb 11: Krewe of Druids (6:30), Nyx (7:00)
Thursday Feb 12: Krewe of Babylon (5:15), Chaos (6:15), Muses (6:30)
Friday Feb 13: Krewe of Hermes (6:00), d’ etat (6:30), Morpheus (7:00)
Saturday Feb 14: Krewe of Iris (11:00), Tucks (12:00)
Midcity: Endymion (4:15)
Sunday Feb 15: Krewe of Okeanos (11:00), Mid-City (11:45), Thoth (12:00), Bacchus (5:15)
Monday Feb 16: Krewe of Proteus (5:15), Orpheus (6:00)
Tuesday Feb 17: Krewe of Zulu (8:00am), Rex (10:00am)

Ochsner Meet Up
Saturday, Feb 14
11 AM
Corner of St. Charles & Peniston

Looking for a way to show off your sports skills (or lack there of)! Join Play NOLA sports league!

http://playnola.com

To redeem your discount, email discountsplaynola.com or fax 504-264-5956 with name, email, & proof of enrollment

Pelicans Home game February Schedule
All games at 7pm!
Saturday February 07: Chicago Bulls
Monday February 09: Utah Jazz
Wednesday February 11: Indiana Pacer
Monday February 23: Toronto Raptors
Wednesday February 25: Brooklyn Nets
Friday February 27: Miami Heat

Upcoming Festivals:
April 9-12: French Quarter Festival:
Free! http://fqfi.org/
April 24-26, April 30-May 3: Jazz Fest:
http://lineup.nojazzfest.com/
May 15-17: Bayou Boogaloo
http://thebayouboogaloo.com/
At UQ:

*Sports Day February 20
The day of medical debauchery is nearly here. Grab your scrubs and join your friends for another memorable Sports Day!

*Coffeehouse I Sign Ups March 6
Any musicians in the cohort should sign up now to show off your talent (or lack there of)!

At UQ-Ochsner in Brisbane:

*Surf Lesson
Phase I Social Chair, Jessica Ryder, has organized a group surf lesson. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to learn one of Australia’s favorite pastimes!

Feb 28 on the Gold Coast
$55/person-INCLUDES:
1) lesson (board, rash guard, wetsuit)
2) transportation
3) sausage sizzle lunch (w/ veggie & gluten free)

More details to follow!

In Brisbane

*Future Music Festival-Saturday, March 7

*Brisbane Comedy Festival, Feb 24-March 22

*SUBLIME at Queensland Art Gallery

Road Races

*Cupid’s Undie Run, Feb 14
Run your pants off this Valentine’s Day! Topped off with a pre-run and after-party!
http://www.cupidsundierun.com.au

*Brisbane Road Runners Club Races, Feb 15
This running club provides regular road races of various distances for runners of all skill
http://brisbaneroadrunners.org/wp/

*Twilight Running Festival, March 22
Register soon for this annual evening road race!
http://www.twilightrun.com.au