

CSP Newsletter

January - February 2005

The Comprehensive Studies Program
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irectors Corner, by William Collins

On January 29 over 100 students participated in Pre-Health Day at the University of Michigan. The all-day event was the brain-child of CSP Health Career Peer Advisors Abeba Berhane, Christen Flack, and Nicole Prince, and included seminars by representatives from a number of medical schools, including the University of Michigan, Michigan State, the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, and others. Pre-health Day was co-sponsored by CSP and the Health Science Scholars Program (HSSP). A number of speakers underscored the importance of planning ahead and staying committed to your goals. This is not only useful for students interested in health careers, but for all students as well.

One way to make sure that your plans are on the right track is to stay in frequent contact with your academic advisor. Your academic advisor is a knowledgeable resource for information about the variety of academic programs that can help you to achieve your goal. Your advisor can provide valuable guidance about alternative paths to your intended career and also assist with problem resolution. So plan ahead by taking full advantage of the insights your advisor has to offer.

Another way to plan ahead is to gain useful experience while a student that is related to your goals. One option in this regard is participation in UROP, the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program. UROP pairs students with faculty researchers and provides an excellent opportunity to learn about the field you may be interested in pursuing. Applications for UROP are available starting March 1, so, if interested, plan ahead and get your application in early.

Finally, please note that this term's theme semester is "Cultural Treasures of the Middle East." Current events make this region of the world one of the most important of our time, so plan ahead to learn about the rich cultural heritage the middle east offers to the world by attending theme semester events. For more information visit the theme semester website at: <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/lsa/theme/>

The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving.

Oliver WEndell Holmes, Jr.
(1841 - 1935)
US Supreme Court Justice

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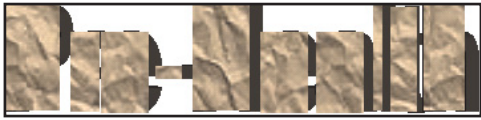
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Pre-Health Peer Advising



Abeba Berhane
 aberhane@umich.edu
 Tuesday 2:00 - 4 :00 PM
 Wednesday 3:00 - 5:00 PM
 Thursday 12:00 - 2 :00 & 3:00 - 4:00

Christen Flack
 cflack@umich.edu
 Monday & Wednesday 11:30 - 2:30 PM
 Thursday 10 -12 PM

Nicole Prince
 nprince@umich.edu
 Wednesday 10:00 - 5:00 PM

**Welcome all Pre-Health students:
 Pre-Medical, Pre-Dental,
 Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Public Health,
 Pre-Nursing etc.**

Contact us at CSP-PHA@umich.edu

**Walk-in for your consultation today!
 No appointment necessary.**



The Career Center
 3200 Student Activities Building
www.careercenter.umich.edu
careercenter@umich.edu
 (734) 764-7460
 Office Hours
 Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm
 Wednesday 8am - 7pm



The Medical School Application Process
 Recommended for students applying Fall 2006
 Wednesday, February 16 5:30 - 6:30 PM
 Tuesday, March 22 7:00 - 8:00 PM
 @ The Career Center

The Dental School Application Process
 Wednesday, March 16 5:00 - 6:30 @ The Career Center

Medical School Information Fair
 Wednesday, March 16, 2005
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm @ Michigan Union Ballroom



Pre-Business Peer Advising

Nicole Johnson, BBA2
 najohnso@umich.edu
 Tuesday 3:00 - 4:30 PM
 Thursday 3:00 - 4:30 PM
 Location-CSP Office

Gregory Roti, BBA2
 groti@umich.edu
 Monday 1:10 - 4:10 PM
 Location-CSP Office

Natasha Wilson, BBA2
 njwilson@umich.edu
 Wednesday 12:00 - 3:00 PM
 Location - TBD



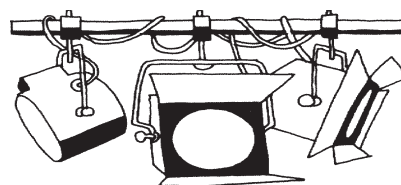
Tutoring

CSP offers tutoring for the following courses:

- *Accounting
- *Biology
- *Chemistry
- *Economics
- *French
- *Math
- *Physics
- *Spanish
- *Statistics



Spotlight on "Student Success 2004"



An ongoing feature of our Newsletter is "Spotlight on Student Success." This is in an effort to inform you and the University community of some of the achievements of current CSP students and recent graduates. CSP has a rich history of academic achievement and we want to let everyone know. Please take a moment to fill out the form in the CSP lobby and let us know about your academic and personal successes.

The Comprehensive Studies Program is a family of more than 1,800 scholars. Help us inform the entire community about your success.

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**Please stop by the CSP Office to fill out a Student Spotlight Form today!**  
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Moses Price—May 2003 CSP Graduate, BA in Sociology, Summer Bridge 99

Moses has just graduated in December 2004 with a Master degree in Social Work focusing on: Community Organization/Children & Youth in Families and Society. He is continuing his work at the University of Michigan in the Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives (OAMI) as a Program Assistant. Moses specifically works with the King, Chavez, Parks, (KCP) Program. This program works with underrepresented students who may have aspirations of attending college. Moses also works at Peace Neighborhood Center in Ann Arbor as a Program Assistant. He works with children of all ages in after school programs. He is also developing a program called Rising Son's Male, which is a mentorship program for young boys. One day he hopes to leave the State of Michigan and do Social Work somewhere else.

Zakiya Fair, CSP Senior

Zakiya is a Women's Studies and Afro-American Studies (CAAS) Concentrator. She is doing a Pre-health curriculum. She keeps herself very busy as a Resident Advisor for Mary Markley Residence Hall and as a Research Assistant I at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, Epidemiology Department. **Congratulations to Zakiya for her acceptance into the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Georgia!**

For more information about this school visit:
<http://www.sph.emory.edu/>

Brandon Baugh, CSP Senior Cellular and Molecular Biology Concentrator A word from Brandon...

For the past year and a half I have been working with Dr. Jayne Reuben in the lab of Dr. Peter Ward in the Pathology department here at the University of Michigan. The main focus of Dr. Ward's research is the regulation of the inflammatory response. In addition, they also study sepsis, ischemia/reperfusion and some of the signaling molecules involved in inflammatory response. During my time there I focused on the inflammatory response caused by ischemia/reperfusion in the lungs and liver. This past November I submitted an abstract entitled, "Multiple Selectin Blockade Decreases Chemokine Production During Liver Ischemia and Reperfusion" to the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS). Out of over 1,100 abstracts submitted mine was not only accepted but one of just 54 students to be awarded an oral presentation. After presenting, I received an award for the best oral presentation in my category of the microbiological sciences. Presently, I have just finished another abstract that I will present at the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) this April in San Diego. The presentation at FASEB will cover the effects of nerve growth factor on the inflammatory response. Currently, I am a 4th year, pre-med Cell and Molecular Biology concentrator here at the University, I will begin to apply to medical school this summer. Although I am not sure of all the schools I will apply to the short list is: Washington University, Case Western Reserve University, Cornell University, New York University, and University of Iowa with the University of Michigan being my first choice. I am a member of the Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society and the National Honors Society. Here at the University, I am a Peer Advisor for the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) and a Biology and Chemistry tutor for the Comprehensive Studies Program (CSP). During my free time I enjoy playing sports, traveling, and helping underprivileged children learn to read.

Contact LS&A Academic Advising at 764-0332 to schedule an Appointment with the following advisors:

Architecture

Anne Burgdoff
Mondays, 1:30 - 3:30
1228 A Angell Hall

Education

Marcus Brock
Office hours in the School of Education
Go to an Info. Session first (see page 6)
(734) 764-7563 - www.soe.umich.edu

Engineering

Christina Dennis
Tuesdays, 8:30 - 12:00
1228 A Angell Hall

HSSP

Joyce Sutton
Wednesdays, 1:00 - 4:30
1228 B Angell Hall

Kinesiology

Angie Sullivan
Wednesdays,
2:30 - 4:30
1228 A Angell Hall

Music

Mark Clague
Fridays,
10:00 - 12:00
1228 A Angell Hall



**LSA Summer Orientation
Academic Peer Advisors
Work May 16 - August 5, 2005
Earn at least \$3100, plus room &
board in East Quad**

Leadership Opportunity.
Welcome first-year students,
Introduce them to the academic life at UM,
Assist them with Registration, and
Work with LSA Academic Advisors.
Training Provided.

Information Session
Wednesday, February 16,
4:00 - 5:00 PM
2455 Mason Hall
Applications available at
1255 Angell Hall and
www.umich.edu/~paao
Applications due February 25, 2005

**Get an "A" on your
Blue Book Exam!**

The Comprehensive Studies Program
Presents:
Preparing for a Blue Book Exam, A
Comprehensive Learning Workshop

When: Monday, February 14, 05
Where: G183 Angell Hall
Time: 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Who: Everyone is invited



Come and Learn to:

- Prepare before the exam
- Write effectively
- Predict what graders look for
- Review, edit, correct!
- Manage Time appropriately
- Turn Questions into Thesis Statements
- Earn Extra Points

Spring/Summer Financial Aid

If you will be attending Spring/Summer term and you want to apply for financial aid, the 2005 Spring/Summer Request for Funds (RFF) form and complete instructions will be available online on **January 31, 2005** at www.finaid.umich.edu/forms/ssrff05 (note: this site will **not** be available until that date). Paper copies will also be available at the Office of Financial Aid at that time.

- Financial aid funds for Spring/Summer are very limited, so **be sure to apply by the priority deadline date of March 4, 2005!**
- If you will be **studying abroad** for Spring/Summer, be sure to complete the RFF as soon as possible after January 31.
- You must complete the RFF to apply for Spring/Summer aid; it informs our office that you will be attending and it collects other information such as your enrollment (we do **not** receive information about your enrollment from the FAFSA).
- You must register for classes in order to receive a financial aid offer. If you will enroll in Spring and Summer term classes, you must enroll for **both** terms during your specified enrollment time in order to be considered for aid for both terms.

This info taken from the OFA website.

Financial Aid Advising

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Important Dates For Winter 2005

Winter Recess - Saturday, February 26 - Sunday, March 6

Last day for approved late drop/add - Friday, March 18 (W on transcript)

Classes End - Wednesday, April 20
Study Days - Thursday, April 21 & Saturday - Sunday, April 23-24

Examination Period- Friday, April 22 & Monday - Friday, April 25-29

Commencement - Saturday, April 30

Top 10 Reasons To See Your Academic Advisor

1. Choosing Future Courses
2. Academic Progress
3. Applying to Graduate
4. Distribution Progress
5. Choosing Your Major
6. Graduate School
7. Career Planning
8. Letter of Recommendation
9. Request a Tutor
10. Just to Talk - Personal Stuff!

Sweetland Writing Center's
Winter 2005 Peer Tutoring
January 23 - April 20
Sunday - Thursday 7-11pm
G219 Angell Hall

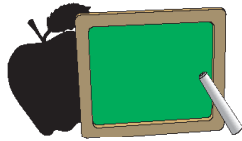
Consultations are on a walk-in basis
764-0429/www.lsa.umich.edu/swc
Not available during spring recess

Peer tutors are upper-level undergraduates who have completed the Peer Tutor Program. Consultations are available to undergraduate students on a walk-in basis in G219 Angell Hall. Students can bring in work at any stage of the process. Peer Tutors can discuss ways of getting started as well as ideas on how to revise. The Peer Tutoring Center does not proofread papers or help with take-home exams.

**Interested in
Teacher Certification?
General Advising for Students
is held:**

**Thursdays
Room 2214 SEB
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

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Office of Student Services
1033 School of Education
Office of Student Services
The University of Michigan
610 East University
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
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**Undergraduate Research
Opportunity Program
(UROP)
Information Session**

CSP first and second year
students are invited to attend a
UROP information session on

February 9, 2005

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Angell Hall, Auditorium C

Guest Speakers:

UROP U of M Faculty, UROP Peer
Advisors, & UROP Students

You can apply online for the 2005-
2006 Academic year at the UROP
website starting March 1, 2005.
The Priority deadline is March 15.
www.lsa.umich.edu/~urop/

**CSP Welcomes
Michelle Rosemond to our
Academic Advising Staff**

Michelle Rosemond, born Marie-Michelle Rosemond in Brooklyn NY. I am Haitian American. I completed my Bachelor of Science at the University of Florida and my Masters of Education at the University of Maine. I love Student and Academic Affairs. One of my biggest joys in life is assisting students develop the whole self as they navigate through college culture. My favorite past time outside of work is parenting my son, who is dynamic at hockey and football. Other past times include teaching Pilates and taking dance classes of any style. Before coming to University of Michigan, I worked at Kent State University and Hiram College. It is definitely refreshing to join the Big Blue family and contribute to the development of the Michigan students.

Favorite quote

resolve in advance to persist until you
succeed, no matter what the difficulty.



Would you like to be a part of Summer Bridge 2005?

Summer Bridge Program Resident Peer
Advisor Positions are open for June 21 -
August 19, 2005.

Compensation: Room, Board, and the use of a computer for the
Summer Half Term, plus a \$3000.00 stipend.

Qualifications:

- Junior standing (55 credits) by the end of Spring term 2005,
- Previous Res. Hall experience or similiar leadership preferred,
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average
- No other full-time employment

Applications are now available in G155 Angell Hall

Applications due February 25, 2005

The residents will be located in Mary Markley Hall this summer.
Come and join us for an intense summer of academics, tutoring, and social
development activities. There will be plenty of food and fun.

Happy Valentine's Day to All



If you have any comments or questions regarding the
CSP Newsletter, please contact Michele Ruffino,
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