

Student Life

Student Activities

Societies and Organizations

Students have many opportunities to participate in different medical societies and service organizations such as Alpha Omega Alpha, Asian Pacific Medical Student Association, Dermatology Society, Emergency Medicine Society, Family Medicine Society, Gibbon Surgical Society, American Medical Association (AMA), American Medical Student Association (AMSA), American Medical Women's Association (AMWA), and Jeff HOPE, just to name a few. The Office of Student Affairs and Career Counseling, the SKMC student council, and the University Office of Student Life and Engagement have information regarding these activities. Members of societies must contact the society's faculty advisor prior to planning events.

Learning Societies

Learning societies have been created and students are assigned to a society upon matriculation. The mission of the societies is to promote communities of students and faculty that are committed to the core values of Sidney Kimmel Medical College and to nurture professional and personal development. The goals are to: 1) enhance a sense of community within Jefferson; 2) promote the exchange of ideas, companionship and mentorship; 3) highlight the importance of community service; 4) develop skills in leadership, communication, doctoring, and professionalism; and 5) create an opportunity for longitudinal education.

The societies have been named after esteemed Jefferson graduates: Dr. Leah Lowenstein Society; the Jacob DaCosta Society, the Dr. Robley Dunglison Society, the Juan Carlos Finlay Society, the Carla Gopp Society, the Samuel Gross Society, the Algernon Jackson Society, and the William Keen Society.

Yearbook

The Clinic is SKMC's annual student yearbook. It serves the dual purpose of honoring the graduating class and chronicling the events of the academic year. *The Clinic* pursues an independent editorial policy, and staff participation is open to all students. Editorial and photographic contributions are welcomed. The yearbook is published under the auspices and overall review of the Student Council of the Medical College, which approves selection of both the editor and business manager of the publication.

Student Events

Presentation of Faculty Portrait

The senior class at large annually selects an outstanding faculty member to be painted by a well-known artist. The portrait is presented to the Medical College at a ceremony in the spring of the year.

Student Research Day

Members of the Medical Student Research Society are invited to present a report of their research each year on Student Research Day, which is conducted under the auspices of the Society of Sigma Xi. It is

open to all Jefferson faculty and students. One student from the Medical College is chosen to present his or her research paper in competition at the annual AMSA Research Forum in the spring.

Class Day

This program is held annually on the day before graduation to honor members of the graduating class. Awards and prizes are presented to graduating seniors. Awards in more than 42 categories are given to some 60 students. Faculty who have distinguished themselves in teaching are also presented. Awards including the Leon A. Peris Memorial Award, the Blockley-Osler/Dean's Teaching Award, and the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award is presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

Commencement

Commencement is held at the Kimmel Performing Arts Center. The program includes the presentation of degrees to members of the graduating class and honorary degrees to outstanding members of the community. Faculty and graduating students are expected to attend.

Career Day

The Alumni Association and the OSACC host Career Day each year. Geared primarily toward second- and third-year students, the program provides a preview of the Match process and choosing a specialty through presentations and small-group interactive sessions with Sidney Kimmel Medical College alumni from a variety of specialties.

Affiliations Day

The Office of Graduate Medical Education invites all hospital affiliates to this event held in the winter each year. It gives second-year students a chance to meet with faculty at some of the affiliate institutions where many students rotate during their third and fourth years.

Wellness Resource Center

The mission of the TJU Wellness Resource Center site is to provide access and information for students to assist them in their pursuit of personal wellness and to equip them with the skills necessary to adapt to the challenges of a career in the health professions. The early development of these skills will lead to a happier and healthier healthcare provider who is a role model for patients and the community. The concept of wellness includes all aspects of a person's life, including physical, mental, social and spiritual health. Wellness topics on the site include stress management, nutrition, exercise, personal safety and substance abuse.

Center for Integrative Medicine

The services offered by the Myra Brind Center for Integrative Medicine are also available to students. The Center for Integrative Medicine, a part of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and Thomas Jefferson University, brings together the best of conventional medical care with promising complementary approaches to healing. Natural medicines, acupuncture, meditation, massage and other therapies can supplement the conventional treatment of a wide variety of illnesses and enhance overall wellness. The Center's team of highly trained and experienced physicians, therapists and nurses work closely together to provide the best possible care. Please see their Web site at: jeffersonhospital.org/cim/.