

## June 2020 Monthly Summer Progress:

To maintain transparency with the student body, MSU wanted to provide a summer update email with what we have been working on for the past 4 months, including announcements, updates on projects, upcoming deadlines, and tasks that have been completed!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Petition to Affirm the Dignity for Black Lives:** Student-written, Student-led petition with initiatives needed to improve equality and inclusion at Stritch. Please submit all signatures by **June 18th**! Read the petition [here](#) and sign [here](#) (as an individual and/or student org).
  - If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to [affirmthedignityofblacklives@gmail.com](mailto:affirmthedignityofblacklives@gmail.com)
- **White Coats for Black Lives:** Submit a picture of you wearing a white coat/scrubs/professional clothing/medical equipment and holding a sign that shows your support for Black Communities. You can also submit an older photo of you in your white coat. Upload pictures [here](#) by **June 15th**.
  - If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to [whitecoats4blacklives.stritch@gmail.com](mailto:whitecoats4blacklives.stritch@gmail.com)
- **AMA memberships:** List of current M1s/M2s with active AMA memberships and members who are choosing to opt out was sent to Administration on 5/28. Corresponded with follow-up emails to Deans on 5/28 and 6/4 in regards to reimbursements and purchases.
  - Response from Dr. Gruener- *"Refunds will come via the AMA and once we have the list we can start the process of registration on our side."*
  - A specific timeline for when students should expect to obtain membership or refunds are still pending as of 6/11.
- **Remaining Funds:** Response from Dr. Gruener- *"Remainder of funds are being used to purchase additional Step practice exam tokens for the class of 2022/2023/2021"*.
- **Academic Updates 2020-2021:** Incoming M1s are going virtual for the Fall semester. Rising M2s are still pending. Rising M3s and M4s selectively returning to clinic, no away rotations.

### PROJECT UPDATES

- **Virtual Student Handbook (collaboration with AMIG and SAS):** A go-to for all classes to use and find all information or resources you may need (school, curriculum, student

orgs, wellness, residency insights, interview tips, etc.) compiled into one comprehensive document that will be finalized and sent out in the Fall.

- First draft completed 6/9, sent to administration/faculty/staff for review and edits on 6/10.
- **Mentorship Project:** Expansion on existing mentorship programs among medical students from all classes at Stritch.
  - M2 Mentorship Program with SAS: Responses collected and compiled. Meeting with SAS on 6/17 to discuss logistics.
  - **M2 Community Mentor Program: Details coming soon!**
- **Wellness Project:** Equity-based approach to build and foster wellness and support within communities.
  - Creating support programs for DACA students and First-Generation and/or Low-Income (FGLI) students. Hosting 2 town halls via ZOOM to assess community strengths/needs.
    - Tuesday, **June 30th at 6:30pm CST** - DACA Students. Register [here](#) by **June 29th at 11:59pm.**
    - Thursday, **July 2nd at 6:30pm CST** - FGLI Students. Register [here](#) by **July 1st at 11:59pm.**
  - Will be creating student-run committees to help create & shape these programs. Look out for the application later!
- **Reinstating SACDI (Student Advisory Council on Diversity & Inclusion)**
  - Details coming soon!
- **“Need to know” Quick Sheet for Student Organizations:** Developing a centralized document with essential student org and leadership information. Will distribute in the Fall.

### UPCOMING DEADLINES

- **June 2020:**
  - June 18th - [Sign](#) the petition to Affirm the Dignity for Black Lives
  - June 30th - **DACA Student Town Hall** ([register](#) no later than 6/29)
  - July 2nd - **FGLI Student Town Hall** ([register](#) no later than 7/1)
- **July 2020:**
  - LUCommunity Registration: Register your student organization & leadership. Details forthcoming in a separate email. *All student organizations (MSU funded or not) must register!*

- MSU Treasury Update: MSU-funded student organizations will receive a letter from the MSU treasurer that will detail allocation of funds, reimbursement process, and other funding requirements.
  - Student organizations will be expected to acknowledge receipt and understanding of the letter.

### **TASKS COMPLETED SINCE MARCH 2020:**

- Class Board elections completed
- Virtual Study Collaboration established
- Student Org Leadership Transitions completed
- M2 Mentorship Sheet with SAS formatted and sent to SAS
- Compiled and responded to student feedback and suggestions for resources with leftover MSU funds for administration
- Held a Q&A panel for accepted/incoming M1s via Zoom
- Surveyed for and completed Virtual Handbook Draft #1 with AMIG and SAS
- Compiled AMA membership information for Deans
- 2 MSU Org Meetings in April and May; 2 Meetings with the Deans in April and May; 3 Leadership Council Meetings; 3 Student Life Meetings with Catherine and Curtis; 5 MSU Board Meetings
  - Next MSU/Deans meeting will be in July, so please voice any questions or concerns through our [feedback form](#) (also linked below)
- Meetings with Mark Torrez from the Office of Diversity for Wellness Project
- Meetings with Mark Torrez from Office of Diversity and SNMA Presidents for plans to reinstate SACDI
- Meetings with Viviana Martinez from Student Affairs to coordinate M1 Orientation