

The Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine

Steps to Your Future

*Newsletter brought to you by the Office of Student Affairs
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Welcome to OCPM!

We, at the Office of Student Affairs, are very happy that you will be joining OCPM in July 2010! Leading up to orientation, you will be receiving newsletters containing valuable information about orientation, housing, financial aid, and the OCPM community. If your email address will be changing, or if you prefer to receive this newsletter at a more convenient email address, please contact Kristy DiPalma at kdipalma@ocpm.edu with your preferred email contact information. Other important information may be mailed to you throughout the coming months, including forms that will need to be returned prior to orientation, so be sure to update your mailing information as well!

New Student Checklist

- Do background check online at Verified Credentials by July 9th, 2010.
- Mail mandatory student insurance form to Case Western Reserve University.
- Take drug test at Quest Diagnostics site between June 14 and July 14, 2010. You will receive paperwork for the test in the mail in mid-May. You MUST bring the paperwork with you for the drug test.
- E-mail [Barb Strong](mailto:bstrong@ocpm.edu) coat size for Rite of Passage Ceremony by June 3rd at bstrong@ocpm.edu.
- Submit written statement in regards to health and immunization documentation to Dr. Robinson or Barbara Strong
- Mail Internet Agreement Form to [Garrett Gaston](mailto:ggaston@ocpm.edu) at OCPM by June 3rd, 2010, at ggaston@ocpm.edu.
- If you were accepted on a conditional basis, make sure all of the appropriate information (test scores, final transcripts, etc.) are in by Orientation on July 29th.
- Update e-mail and mailing addresses as they change to [Kristy](mailto:kdipalma@ocpm.edu), at kdipalma@ocpm.edu.

Go to <http://www.ocpm.edu/newstudents.asp> to download all of the forms you need to submit before orientation on July 29th!



Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine's Annual Housing Fair

Saturday, June 12, 2010

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

At OCPM

Hotel discounts available

Holiday Inn, Independence 216-524-8050, \$65/night

Doubletree, Independence 216-447-1300, \$59/night

An OCPM Student's Guide on How to Pick a Roommate

Picking a roommate is often luck of the draw; after all, you never really know a person until you live with them. However, you can better your chance of getting a good roommate if you can find a person with similar living habits as your own. When picking a roommate, make sure you and your potential roommate agree on a few key concepts, such as sleeping schedules (are you a night owl or an early riser?), type of studier (do you prefer to study away from home or would you rather study in the peace and quiet of your apartment?), and type of socializer (do you like to bring the party home or would you rather go out on the town?).

"NEGOTIATING HOUSE RULES"

House rules are essential when living with a roommate. First, and foremost, living with a roommate is a business arrangement. When living with a roommate, it is a good idea to have a "mini" contract drawn up between all parties involved. Make sure to specify in the contract how rent and utility bills are to be paid, as well as the agreed upon personal overnight guest policy.

EVERY COLLEGE STUDENTS GUIDE TO NORTHEAST OHIO

Information about the Cleveland area – where to hang out, good places to eat, great shopping areas, etc, plus coupons – visit

<http://www.pluscollege.com/site/>



Financial Aid Information

If you have not done so, please have your Financial Aid Packets turned in to the Office of Financial Aid. Award letters for incoming students are scheduled to go out Mid-June. Your award letter packet will include a cover letter with two award letters, one to sign and return and one to keep for your records, instructions on what to do to get your loan money set up, and information on the OCPM Debit Card. Also, Kathy Wright, Financial Aid Specialist, will be at the Housing Fair on June 12th to answer any financial aid questions.



Remember to get all of your required paperwork in before the deadlines!! Review the “New Student Checklist” on the first page of the newsletter to ensure all of your information has been submitted – Please note the upcoming deadlines:

- Email your white coat size to Barb Strong at bstrong@ocpm.edu by June 3rd– ALL INCOMING STUDENTS
- Mail your Computer Agreement Form to Garrett Gaston by June 3rd. (you will find it on the new student website)

White Coat Ceremony



*For all Incoming Students
Sunday, August 1, 2010
Family and Friends Welcome
Independence Auditorium
1:30 pm*

Hotel discount rate information will be available in June for family and friends

Drug Test Forms are being mailed to the permanent address you have on file with OCPM in mid-May. If you do not receive yours by May 29th, please email Kristy at kdipalma@ocpm.edu. Be sure to include your mailing address in the email. Be sure to read all of the information in the packet you will be receiving and follow the directions.

June's Newsletter will provide you with information about OCPM Student Organizations, Text Book Information, Class Schedule, Academic Calendar and other important news!



OCPM Congratulations all graduates in the Class of 2010!

**You have questions? We have answers!
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