

The Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine

Steps to Your Future

Information for Pre-Matriculants

*Newsletter brought to you by the Office of Student Affairs
June 2009*

Welcome to OCPM!

We, at the Office of Student Affairs, are very happy that you will be joining OCPM in July 2009! 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

Go to <http://www.ocpm.edu/newstudents.asp> to download all of the forms you need to submit before orientation on July 30th!

New Student Checklist

Have you done this yet?

- **Submit background check online at Verified Credentials by July 10th.**
- **Mail mandatory student insurance form to Case Western Reserve University BEFORE July 25.**
- **E-mail Barb Strong coat size for Rite of Passage Ceremony by June 4th – All first year students! (bstrong@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 30th to the Office of Student Affairs.**
- **Update e-mail and mailing addresses as they change to Kristy at kdipalma@ocpm.edu.**



A Message from the Dean

It's hard to believe, but in less than sixty days you will begin the 2009 academic year at the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine.

While we are waiting for your admissions file to be completed, the best addition to enhance our campus community will be YOU! I know you are as excited as we are because you are e-mailing and telephoning to ensure completion of your files and asking questions about your status. If you do not immediately hear from us, please don't hesitate to contact us again; we're always busy, but never too busy to assist you.

OCPM selected you because you demonstrated the required intellectual growth and academic potential to be successful in our podiatric medical educational environment. We have documented your prior academic achievements, and are aware of your increased inclination to expanded scholastic development.

We are also aware of your desire to meet and connect with each other, and we appreciate your social e-networking: *facebook, myspace, twitter, student-doctor-network* . . . all serve a purpose in promoting successful navigation to connect with your peers in the pre-podiatric medical environment. It is anticipated you will maintain and improve those networking skills during your tenure at OCPM in positive promotion of the institution and the podiatric profession. We hope the camaraderie you generate will carry throughout your career, as there may likely be at least one person you meet while at OCPM who will become a life-long peer and friend.

Student Affairs' staff performs Admissions, Recruitment, Financial Aid, and Student Services. Our offices will continue to provide the counsel, encouragement and stable foundation to meet your successes during your campus tenure. Outside of the academic and clinical knowledge you will experience at OCPM, we fully encourage the development of our students to become sensitive and caring healthcare physicians, dedicated to providing premium personal and professional care to all podiatric patients.

In the coming weeks, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by e-mail (llott@ocpm.edu) or by telephone (216-231-3300, X 7345). I look forward to assisting you.

I can't wait to see you at **8:30 a.m. Thursday, July 30, 2009!**

-Dean Lott

Background Check:

Once completed, our offices may be notified of a *discrepancy*, which is a negative impact in your Background Check report. You may be asked by the Dean to clarify the incident and explain the circumstances of why it occurred and why it will not happen again.

You will be asked to submit an additional Background Report in your 3rd year as you prepare for clerkship opportunities, and hospital administrators may ask you for supportive documentation. Do not be alarmed: they did not have access to the original information provided for your OCPM admission consideration.

You should be aware that a report of a felony conviction may immediately rescind your offer of admission because it may hinder professional licensure depending on state medical requirements. Decisions regarding endangering your status will be made through personal conference with the Dean of Student Affairs on an individual basis.

Canadian National Student Funding:

* Students requiring Canadian funding are advised to secure dollar equivalencies:

	<u>USD</u>	<u>CAN</u>
Tuition	27,250	30,367.88
Fees	1,361	1,517.03
Books and Instruments	2,232	2,487.88

* Information obtained at www.xe.com for US / Canadian dollar exchange effective May 27 2009

Completion of Admissions File:

Students who received *conditional acceptance* letters are advised all required documents must be documented in Student Affairs admissions file prior to matriculation: **07/30/09**

Final submission of official documentation will revert *conditional acceptance* to *full and unconditional acceptance* by written documentation within 48-hours of receipt:

- * MCAT test score (total score of 21 or higher)
- * Letter of Recommendation (one = academic advisor and one = DPM)
- * Final Transcript indicating successful completion of required courses and degree conferred

Documents not received by start of academic year may threaten official admission status

Planning Vacations/Wedding Dates:

You are advised not to schedule departure from the campus prior to the final calendar day of examinations in each semester: students who need to take re-examinations following final exams will receive a "zero" if they are not available on campus - - - NO EXCEPTIONS!

External Scholarship Resources:

If you have been told of scholarship consideration from an external resource, please be sure the financial aid officer is aware of the award prior to packaging to ensure maximum consideration in funding.

Make sure any internal institutional scholarship resource offered has been clearly defined in your financial aid award letter.

International Student Visas:

International Students, including US border countries, are required to request F-I Visa Status. Please contact Dean Lott directly at llott@ocpm.edu, or at 216-231-3300 ext. 7345 for more information.

White Coat Ceremony



For all Incoming Students

Sunday, August 2, 2009

Family and Friends Welcome

Time and Location will be announced soon

Family and Friends may use the OCPM discount rates at the hotels listed below. Please note OCPM will not pay for any part of the stay, but request the OCPM discount when booking the room to ensure the best room rate!

Hotels with OCPM Discount Rates:

*****When booking hotel rooms, please request the OCPM rate*****

- Sheraton Independence Hotel
216-524-0700
\$59 OCPM rate
- Holiday Inn Independence
216-524-8050
\$65 OCPM rate
- Hyatt Place Independence
216-328-1060
\$99 OCPM rate
- Doubletree Hotel, Independence
216-447-1300
\$59 OCPM rate
- Residence Inn, Independence
216-520-1450
\$79/studio; \$149/2 bedroom suite with fully equipped kitchen

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/>**

What Books and Supplies do I need for Class? Where do I buy them? Do I need to have them before classes start?



You do not have to purchase any of your books or supplies before arriving at OCPM for orientation. The week before classes start, there will be a representative from Matthews Medical Bookstore at the school with all of the books, instruments, and scrubs that you will need for the start of classes. In a few weeks you will receive an email that contains the suggested and required books for each course, in case you do want to purchase them on your own. Matthews will accept cash, check and credit cards when they are at the school for the book/supply sale.



Financial Aid Information!!

Please have your Financial Aid Application packet into the Financial Aid Office by June 5, 2009. Please also remember to complete your FASFA on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If your visit was after January 1, 2009 you received your Financial Aid Packet at your visit. If you visited before January 1st, you should have received a packet in the mail. If you need a packet please contact me asap (e-mail is the best way) for a packet.

Financial Aid Award Letters are scheduled to go out in first class mail by June 16, 2009. *Please make sure the Office of Admissions has your current address on file.* Your award packet will also include instructions on how to choose a lender for your Stafford Loans, and or GradPlus Loans if applicable. You will also receive a copy of the 2009-2010 budget for your class. If you do not receive your packet by June 30th, contact Kathy Wright at 216-916-7490 immediately!

If you have any student loan deferments, bring the forms with you to Orientation for completion, once you are enrolled full time as an OCPM student.



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 4th – ALL INCOMING STUDENTS
- Mail your Computer Agreement Form to Marsha Deetz by June 13th (you will find it on the new student website)

**You have questions? We have answers!
Call us at 1-800-238-7903 or at the extensions listed below:**

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