
SUNDAY, APRIL 29

1:00 – 3:00pm	WAAHP Executive Board Meeting	Fish Wife Restaurant
2:00 – 9:00pm	Check-in and Registration	Lodge
3:00 – 5:00pm	WAAHP New Advisor Orientation	Chapel

Are you a new advisor or a “new” advisor? Would you like to know more about what you’ve gotten yourself into? The goal of this orientation is to help you meet new advisors and old, find out more about what the WGSAAHP meeting is about, and to start answering the plethora of questions that are on your mind. This is a very informal session that is mostly questions and answers – and support!

4:00 – 5:30pm	Concurrent Sessions
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	1. WGSAA Assistant and Associate Dean’s Meeting	Evergreen
	2. OSR Welcome Meeting	Surf/Sand
6:00 – 7:00pm	WAAHP Retirement Dinner	Woodland Dining
6:00 – 6:50pm	Dinner (registrants staying on the Asilomar grounds*)	Crocker Dining
7:00 – 8:30pm	Plenary Session “Medical Education and the Public Trust” M. Roy Wilson, M.D., M.S., Chancellor University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center	Chapel

*“I meant what I said
And I said what I meant
An elephant’s faithful,
One hundred percent”
Theodore S. Geissel: Horton Hatches the Egg*

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7:30 – 9:00am	Breakfast (registrants staying on the Asilomar grounds*)	Crocker Dining
7:30 – 9:00am	OSR Breakfast Meeting	Crocker Dining

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9:00 – 10:00am	<p>Plenary Session “Moving Away from Intolerance to Welcoming: LGBT Issues in Medical Schools” Michele J. Eliason, Ph.D. Gay & Lesbian Medical Association, San Francisco, CA Georgette A. Dent, M.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Sarah Milliken, University of Colorado School of Medicine, OSR Maureen Garrity, Ph.D., University of Colorado School of Medicine</p>	Chapel
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This session will present information from the recent OSR/COSA survey on LGBT issues in medical schools, describe the impact that lack of training has on LGBT medical students and patients and propose ways to make the medical school environment more welcoming and inclusive, using a combination of lecture, small group discussion and consensus building.

*“We see them come, We see them go,
 Some are fast and Some are slow,
 Some are high and Some are low,
 Not one of them Is like another,
 Don’t ask us why, Go ask your mother”
 Theodore S. Geissel: One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish*

10:00 – 10:30am	Refreshment Break	Chapel
10:30 – 11:30am	Plenary Small Group Break outs	Chapel
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch (registrants staying on the Asilomar grounds*)	Crocker Dining

1:00 – 2:30pm	Concurrent Sessions
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<p>1. The Loan ‘Rangers’ present: Winning at the Repayment Game- It’s all about you and your decisions/WGSA Teddi J. Milner, University of California, Los Angeles</p>	Triton
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Financial aid professionals are interested in both sharing and gathering information that will be helpful to medical students as they face the many complex decisions related to debt and loan repayment. This session will cover topics including in-school consolidation, choosing the right repayment schedule, consolidation vs. extended repayment and helping seniors make informed decisions about investing in their futures.

*“You have brains in your head, You have feet in your shoes,
 You can steer yourself, Any direction you choose”
 Theodore S. Geissel: Oh, the Places You’ll Go*

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2. Breaking Down Barriers: Identifying Career Indecision/WGSA Chapel
George Richard, Ph.D., AAMC

A new tool for identifying difficulties medical students experience in making specialty choices is now available in the AAMC's Careers in Medicine Program. The Specialty Indecision Scale will be presented with special reference to understanding its use and applicability to medical students and advisors.

*"I do not like them, Sam-I am,
You do no like them, So you say,
Try them, Try them, And you may"
Theodore S. Geissel: Green Eggs and Ham*

3. Post-Bac Programs/Choosing the Best Fit/WAAHP Kiln
Linda Scott, University of California, Davis
Jodi Olson, Scripps

Students often talk about doing a Post-Bac Program to improve their credentials, and there are many opportunities under this rubric. A panel of Post-Bac Program Directors/Coordinators will discuss four basic PB program types: (1) those that offer prerequisite courses for career changers; (2) those for disadvantaged applicants who want to work with the medically underserved; (3) formal and informal programs open to all who want to enhance their academic credentials and (4) Special Master's Programs.

4. Perspectives on Improving Diversity in the Health Professions/WAAHP Evergreen
Ruth O. Bingham, Ph.D. University of Hawaii
Francisco Castillo, CSU Long Beach

Diversity is proving to be one of the most important issues of the early twenty-first century. This session will begin by reviewing statistics about diversity in health care and the non-statistical intangibles that make addressing diversity issues so challenging. The presenters will then summarize diversity issues at their campuses, the programs put in place to address those issues, and the programs' challenges and successes. The session will close with a question/answer discussion session and a look to the future.

2:30 – 3:00pm Refreshment Break Chapel

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3:00 – 4:30pm

Concurrent Sessions

1. Political Activism/WGSA

Triton

Ronald D. Garcia, Ph.D, Stanford

Georgette A. Dent, M.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

This session will focus on developing and implementing strategies to advocate for medical education issues. The focus will be on Title VII funding and will include formulating the message, identifying support and opposition, communicating with key stake holders, and working with student, alumni, and resources within and external to the academic institution.

*And today the great Yeartle, that marvelous he
Is King of the Mud. That's all he can see
And the turtles of course, all the turtles are free
As turtles, and maybe, all creatures should be
Theodore S. Geissel: Yeartle the Turtle*

2. Background Checks/WGSA

Chapel

Stephen Fitzpatrick, AAMC

Neil H. Parker, M.D., David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA

Wayne M. Samuelson, M.D., University of Utah

Henry Sondheimer, M.D., University of Colorado School of Medicine

The session is intended to allow a discussion of the current state of background checks being done by the individual medical schools on incoming students. In addition, plans for the 2008 beta test of the national vendor who will be doing background checks through AMCAS will be presented.

*"Cause you never can tell, What goes on down below,
This pool might be bigger, Than you or I know"
Theodore S. Geissel: McElligot's Pool*

3. Advising Tricks of the Trade Open Forum/WAAHP

Kiln

Patricia Wilson, M.A., University of Nevada, Reno

Hot topics in what's new, how we do it and how to do it better! This session will provide an opportunity to share practices that work for you and pick up other's tricks of the trade.

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4. Advising Undergraduates about the MD/PhD Option/WAAHP Evergreen
Olaf S. Andersen, M.D., Weill Cornell/Rockefeller/Sloan-Kettering

The session will begin with an overview that will cover: why MD-PhD training programs, structure(s) of combined degree training programs, outcomes, post-graduate training and careers, admissions and characteristics of successful applicants. Following the overview there will be a question and answer session with representatives from different MD/PhD Programs.

4:30 – 5:30pm **Business Meetings**
OSR Business Meeting I Kiln

“Humanities in Medicine: Bridging the Gap between Medical Students and Patients”
Antony Hazel, Lauren Cheung
University of California, Irvine School of Medicine

“Professionalism: A Study on the Professionalism Curriculum Instituted at LLU SOM”
Kristin Schmid, Cody Chastain
Loma Linda School of Medicine

“The Medical Specialty Talks Elective”
Katie Jiries, Andrew Ross
Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine

MAS Business Meeting Evergreen

4:30 – 5:30pm **MCAT Update/ AAMC** Triton
Michelle Sparacino

5:00 – 7:00pm Evening Social – Pacific Grove Golf Links Pinos Point Grill
77 Asilomar Ave.

6:00 – 8:00pm Dinner (registrants staying on the Asilomar grounds*) Crocker Dining

7:00- 10:00pm OSR Barbecue Barbecue Area

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WGSA/WAAHP Spring Meeting

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7:00- 9:00pm

Fireside Chats/ WAAHP**DPT Programs**

Jody S. Gandy, PT, Ph.D.

Hearth Living Room

Come to this fireside chat to engage in lively discussion about APTA's Vision 2020 and the Doctor of Physical Therapy. The profession's vision encompasses six key elements that are all essential to the future growth and development of the profession and the physical therapist practitioner. Within the context of this vision, it is likely that there may be implications for future applicants and the attributes that they may need to embody upon entry into physical therapist programs.

WICHE update

Margo Schultz

Embers Living Room

WICHE (the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education) proposes to explore a state, regional, and federal partnership to better meet the health care needs of its rural and underserved populations in the West. This is an opportunity to provide input as this partnership is further developed.

Medical School Obligations to Interviewees

Dr. Ruby Mason

Afterglow Living Room

This session will be an open discussion with advisors, deans of admissions as to the expectations and responsibilities of applicants in the interview setting. It will allow advisors to ask questions about the interview process and procedures to convey to their students. Deans have been asked to invite medical students attending the Asilomar conference to participate also.

Tuesday, May 1

7:30 – 9:30am

Tai Chi on the Beach

9:00 – 10:15am

WAAHP Business Meeting

Chapel

10:15 – 10:30am

Break

Chapel

10:30 – 11:45am

WAAHP Health Professions Update I

Chapel

10:30 Dr. Joel Gonzales

UCSF

Pharmacy – PharmD

10:45 Dr. Robert Sabalis

AAMC

Allopathic Medicine – MD

11:00 Dr. Gina Moses

AACOM

Osteopathic Medicine – DO

11:15 Mr. Ted Ruback

OHSU

Physician Assistant - PA

11:30 Dr. Paul Mittman

SCNM

Naturopathic Medicine – ND

11:45 Dr. John Roane

AAVMC

Veterinary Medicine–DVM (tentative)

Tuesday, May 1, cont.

10:30 – 12:00pm	OSR Business Meeting II	Triton
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch (registrants staying on the Asilomar grounds*)	Crocker Dining

1:00- 2:30pm	Concurrent Sessions
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- 1. Wellness/ WGSA** Kiln
Lisa W. Corbin, M.D., University of Colorado School of Medicine
Maureen J. Garrity, Ph.D., University of Colorado School of Medicine

This session will be a discussion of medical student wellness. It will include a definition of wellness and why it is important to address it with medical students, medical student perspectives on wellness and a review of programs currently in place to help students stay healthy during their training. In small groups, participants will discuss programs or potential programs at their schools and come up with a resource list to take home.

*“Please let me be, Please go away, I am NOT going
to get up today”
Theodore S. Geissel: I am Not Going to Get Up Today*

- 2. Strategic Review of USMLE/WGSA** Triton
Peter Scoles, M.D., NBME

*Miss Bonkers rose “Don’t fret” she said
You’ve learned the things you need
To pass that test and many more
I’m certain you’ll succeed
We’ve taught you that the earth is round
That red and white make pink
And something else that matters more
We’ve taught you how to think\
Theodore S. Geissel: Horray for Diffendoofer Day*

- 3. Advise the Advisors: Hints from
Med Students/WAAHP** Chapel
Anne Bekoff, Ph.D., University of Colorado at Boulder

At this session, current medical students will share their insights into what types of information and resources provided by prehealth advisors are most useful to applicants.

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4. *Stereotype Threat/ WAAHP* Evergreen
 Joseph Nika, Ph.D., University of Nevada, Las Vegas

This session reviews the findings of Professor Joshua Aaronson and Claude Steele regarding the Stereotype Threat. It has been long established that underrepresented minorities exhibit a distinct disadvantage in performance on standardized tests such as the MCAT compared to their Caucasian counterparts. Professors Aaronson and Steel observed that the difference in performance could be accounted for by difference in socioeconomic factors and quality of education alone. The session will review the primary literature that summarizes their findings. A workshop session aimed at developing advising strategies that take advantage of their observations will follow the formal presentation.

2:30 – 3:00pm Refreshment Break Chapel

3:00 – 4:30pm Concurrent Sessions

1. *Diversity Recruitment for the Haves and the Have Nots/ WGSA* Chapel

Charles Ferguson, Ph.D., UCDHSC
 Gabe Garcia, M.D., Stanford University
 Christopher A. Leadem, Ph.D., University of Arizona
 Christine Moutier, M.D., UCSD
 Gerald Soslau, Ph.D., Drexel University

This session is planned to generate discussion on two major themes in the recruitment of a diverse population of students to our medical schools: what types of programs are in place to improve the preparation of students from diverse backgrounds and how can public and less well funded private medical schools compete for academically strong applicants.

*“I know, up on top, You are seeing great sights,
 But down at the bottom, We, too should have rights”
 Theodore S. Geissel: Yertle the Turtle*

2. *Strategic Review of USMLE / WGSA* Triton
 Peter Scoles, M.D., NBME

3. *Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS)* Evergreen
 Moira Edwards, AAMC

An update on the progress of AAMC’s newest application service which will explore features of particular benefit to student affairs staff.

Tuesday, May 1, cont.

4. Health Professions Update II

Kiln

Anne Bekoff, University of Colorado at Boulder

3:00	Dr. Anne Wells	ADEA	Dental – DDS
3:15	Ms. Rondaly Whitney		Occupational Therapy – OT
3:30	Dr. Jody Gandy	APTA	Physical Therapy – DPT
3:45	Dr. Jane Munroe	SCCO	Optometry – OD
4:00	Dr. Sally Hardwick	UNR	Public Health – MPH
4:15	Ms. Margo Schultz	WICHE	WICHE Update

4:30 – 5:30pm

WGSA Business Meeting

Chapel

6:00- 7:00pm

Dinner (registrants staying on the Asilomar grounds*)

Crocker Dining

7:30 –9:30pm

Dean’s and Directors Fair

Merrill Hall

A time to meet and talk with representatives from other institutions and programs.

*Hosted by Dental School Programs of the Western Region.
See last page of program for listing.

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Wednesday, May 2

7:30 – 9:00am Breakfast (registrants staying on the Asilomar grounds*) Crocker Dining

9:00 – 10:30am **Plenary Session** Chapel
“View from the Employer”
Robert M. Pearl, M.D.
Executive Director and CEO
The Permanente Medical Group Inc.

*“So be sure when you step, Step with care and
Great tact, And remember that Life’s A Great
Balancing Act,
And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed
(98 and ¾ percent guaranteed)”
Theodore S. Geissel: On the Places You’ll Go*

10:30 – 10:45am Refreshment Break Chapel

10:45 – 12:00pm **Concurrent Sessions**

1. Washington Update/WGSA Chapel
Robert F. Sabalis, Ph.D.
AAMC

2. WAAHP Business Meeting II and Wrap-up Kiln

12:00 noon **Adjourn – Box lunches**
(registrants staying on the Asilomar grounds and off-grounds attendees who pre-ordered box lunches).

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