The Learning Communities at UWSMPH have three guiding principles:

- Create a caring community for all learning community members
- Help learning community members make sense of their experiences
- Empower the community and its members to make transparent and positive decisions

Through these guiding principles, the learning communities will foster community, leadership, professionalism, well-being and sharing of knowledge in order to develop more intellectually, socially, physically and emotionally prepared physicians.
M4 Match

Are you ready? It’s the most anticipated week of your entire medical school career. Here’s the schedule:

Friday March 13: You will receive an email from the NRMP regarding your eligibility to participate in the SOAP. This email is sent to all Match applications and does not inform you of your match status.

Monday March 16: At 11am Madison time, log into www.nrmp.org to find out your match status. You will receive one of three Match Status messages:
- Congratulations! You’ve matched!
- You are not matched because you are withdrawn (ineligible to participate in SOAP)
- Any Match status message other than the two above, means that you are not matched and are eligible to participate in SOAP.

Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP)

Our match rate is very high but every year some students find that they are not matched on Monday morning.

The SOAP opens an hour after the release of match status; those of you who are not matched have little time to prepare. Therefore, we recommend that all students are ready on Monday with:
- Cell phone and charger
- AAMC ID and passwords for ERAS and NRMP
- Dressed professionally as for clinic (white coat not necessary)

Monday March 16: Report to Student Services (2130 HSLC) immediately to prepare for the 12:00 opening of the SOAP. Feel free to contact supportive people to speak with them or invite them to be with you in Student Services.

M4 Match Day

All students are invited to participate in Match Day Friday, March 20. The room is typically crowded so we will live-stream the event for your family and friends; there is also an overflow room where friends and family can wait until your name is called.

All M4s are excused from taking call on Thursday, March 19, the night before Match Day. The Match Day release policy is based on your clinical site’s distance from Madison.

M4s who are at sites further than a one-hour drive from Madison are
- excused at the end of their regular duties on Thursday, March 19 and will resume their duties by 8:00am on Saturday, March 21 if scheduled to do so.

M4s who are in Madison are
- excused at 9:00am on Friday, March 20 and will resume their duties at the usual time on Saturday, March 21, if scheduled to do so.

M4s who are at sites within a one-hour drive from Madison are...
With permission from the physicians and patient, Mario Ademaj shared some of the work he did during his Emergency Dept. rotation as he nears the end of his third year in medical school. Mario, a native of Albania, also worked to create an Albanian Health Fair in Milwaukee. It’s a great story and one that will inspire many of our students!

A record 103 M2 and M3 House members attended the February 11th Noon Talk. M3s Valarie Mok, Danica Rockney, Brittney Golbach, Meagan Ladell, and Jennifer Wagner took time from their busy day to share information about what the clinical years are like, learning across the statewide campus, and what they worried about as M2s that turned out not to be worries at all.

The InterHouse Council (IHC) served another great meal from Panera. Danica Rockney was one of the M3 presenters answering questions about the clinical years.

Making The Clinical Years Count

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As M1s wrap up their second year the M2s invite them to a Noon Talk on Wednesday, March 11th to learn more about successfully managing the demands of second year, preparing for Step 1 and having a life that includes time for yourself as well as leading or participating in extracurricular organizations.

A bonus feature for this Noon Talk will be a short presentation from our Community Engagement Liaisons (CELS) who will summarize the great things they have done with their House community partners during 2014-15.

See page 4 of this newsletter, Gundersen House Health Partnership Program for the most recently completed project.

More importantly, find out what your House has done this past year and how you can help as a House member or lead as a CEL.

As always, IHC will provide a fabulous meal for those who pre-register for the Noon talk. So why guess at what year two will look like when you can hear from those with actual experience? See you on March 11th!

House Cup Blood Drive

Nothing is better than accomplishing two things with just one action! On Tuesday, March 10th, 10am-3pm, the InterHouse Council (IHC) is hosting their annual House Cup Blood Drive!

All you need to do is show up, relax on the nice comfy couch for a while and donate blood that keeps the American Red Cross blood supply replenished and available.

Appointments are preferred and the basic goal for this blood drive is **53 pre-scheduled appointments**. You can pre-schedule your appointment by calling 1-800 RED CROSS (sponsor code is UW Med School) or you can schedule online to [Find A Blood Drive](#), using the same sponsor code.

And when you’re all done giving blood, you’ll get a healthy snack and points for your House!

Please demonstrate your House pride and dedication to the American Red Cross’ continuing need for blood donors by taking time on March 10th for this important event!

Gundersen House Health Partnership Program by Maggie Barnes

This semester, the Gundersen House CELs launched the first group of partners in the Health Partnership Program with the Goodman Community Center. In this program, Gundersen medical students are paired with a community member through the Goodman Community Center to help and support them in achieving their health goals. The whole group met in early January to have a discussion on what health means to each of us and the things in our lives we would like to change in order to lead a healthier life. We recognize health in the broad sense, encompassing both diet and fitness but also making time to de-stress, balance work and play time, directing your life focus, and so much more. Each community member chose a few health goals that they would like to work on for the next several months. The medical students are there to help identify actions that will lead to achieving those goals and the possible barriers as well as ways to get past those barriers. Our hope is that this program will give community members an ally and resource in achieving a healthier life. The partners will stay in contact throughout the course of the semester and at the end the whole group will once again come together to celebrate each other’s work on leading a healthier lifestyle!

WMAA Thank-A-Thon Success!

A total of **371** thank-you notes were written the last two days, and congratulations go to **GUNDERSEN**! Following are the House Cup Thank-A-Thon participation totals:

- Gundersen 99 (Huzzah!)
- McPherson 92 (SOclose!)
- Bamforth 71
- Middleton 62
- Bardeen 47

Double Huzzah to **PATRICK CORPUZ** (M2) from Gundersen House for winning the drawing of those who wrote thank-you notes. Compliments of WMAA, there is a $25 gift certificate waiting for Patrick in the WMAA office.

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**BOOST YOUR STANDING WITH...**

- **BLOOD DRIVE**!
- **WALK-A-THON**!

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