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Dear Students,

Words cannot express the profound sadness our community is feeling from the recent and unexpected death of Collins Oguejiofor. In the midst of this unimaginable grief, we must continue to come together as a community in support of one another. Thank you to those of you who shared such heartwarming stories and memories of how Collins touched your lives at our community sessions yesterday. As we navigate the challenges ahead, let us remember these stories and vow to channel Collins' kindness and compassion as we support one another through our collective grief.

We encourage you to take the time you need to process the many feelings that will inevitably surface over the coming days, weeks or months and we are here to help you all navigate that process. We are devoting this week's entire Weekly Wonders to listing support services for our community. The topics normally included are instead attached.

Thinking of you all with sadness in our hearts,

Christa Zehle and the OMSE team

Events:

- Open forum specifically for **Black, Indigenous and People of Color** Friday, June 26th from 12:30-1:30 pm with Dr. Marissa Coleman, Clinical Psychologist at UVM Medical Center. Please contact the Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion for information regarding this event.
- **Class of 2022 Well-being drop in** Friday, June 26th from 3:00 – 4:00 pm with Dr. Lee Rosen, Director of Student Well-being and Assistant Dean for Students. Please contact [Summer Griffin](#) for information regarding this event.
- We are collecting **memories and photos of Collins** to compile for his family. Please submit your memories and/or photos to [Ed Neuert](#) in Medical Communication. Information collected will also be used for a future LCOM event in memory of Collins.
- Additional events are being planned and information will be shared when available.

We want to emphasize that many faculty and staff are available to support students during this difficult time. Please feel free to contact any of us via email or the UVM Medical Center Provider Access Service (802) 847-2700 can assist with contacting clinicians via pager or cell phone as well.

Medical Student Services Team meeting availability

- [Director of Student Wellbeing](#) - [Dr. Lee Rosen](#)
- [Deans for Students \(preclinical, clinical, CT Campus\)](#) – [Dr. Prema Menon](#), [Dr. Shaden Eldakar-Hein](#) and [Dr. Ellen Kulaga](#)
- [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at UVM](#) – [Dr. Margaret Tandoh](#) and [Tiffany Delaney](#)
- [Dean for Medical Education](#) - [Dr. Christa Zehle](#)
- Associate Dean for Medical Education (CT) – [Dr. Jon Rosen](#)
- [Director of Learning Environment](#) - [Dr. Nathalie Feldman](#)

Confidential Support Resources

- [UVM Counseling & Psychiatry Services](#): (802) 656-3340
- UVM Student Health Center: (802) 656-3350
- UVM Employee Assistance Program: (802) 864-3270

Non-Confidential UVM Support Resources

- UVM Dean of Students Office: (802) 656-3380
- [The Mosaic Center for Students of Color](#): (802) 656-3819
- [Interfaith Center](#): (802) 656-4703 [Dr. Laura Engelken](#)

General Information

- **Vermont**
 - Trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic in VT is considered **Phase 3** according to the [CDC Gating Criteria](#)
 - June 15, 2020 Governor Phil Scott announced that the state of emergency has been extended to **July 15th**.
 - **Quarantine**
 - [Traveling to Vermont](#)
 - [Cross State Travel Information for Vermont](#)
 - [COVID-19 Pop-up Testing FAQs](#)
 - [Supportive Quarantine Pilot Program \(The City of Burlington\)](#)
- **Clinical** (as of UVM HN June 24th report)
 - 5 positives or PUI's in house. Hospitalizations of COVID-19 positives and PUIs remains relatively low <5 on any given day.
 - Med-Surg capacity back above 90-95%, in sustained fashion.
 - ED at sustained 80% or above of historical volumes across the Network with less pediatric presentations.
 - Above historical volumes of Psychiatric Chief Complaints in our EDs.
 - Outpatient Clinics: 81% pre-COVID-19 visit volumes. (70% in person; 30% telehealth)
 - Endoscopies 70% pre- COVID-19 volumes. All other procedural areas >90% pre-COVID-19 volumes
 - Welcoming Policy stage 3 implementation today
 - [Clinical Simulation Lab \(Elise Everett, MD and Cate Nicholas Ed D, MS, PA\) created a tutorial on working with learners and using Telehealth.](#)
- [Health Industry Advisor, LLC COVID-19 Dashboard \(June 24, 2020\)](#)

Class of 2021

- Information about specialty specific guidelines regarding residency recruitment in the 2020-2021 cycle can be found on the [AAMC Specialty Response to COVID-19](#) webpage.
- The GSA Committee on Student Affairs (COSA) has recently convened an MSPE Effective Practices Working Group, one focus of which was to address COVID-19 related curricular, evaluative, and other changes within the MSPE. A new set of guidelines ([here](#)) have been released, with a focus on clarity over uniformity. Accompanying FAQs will be released in the coming months as well. For more information on the MSPE, the 2016 MSPE Task Force recommendations can be found [here](#). ([see OSR Communication to Students document](#))

Class of 2022

- Thinking of all of you and here to support you as you grieve and remember your classmate Collins.
- [Academic Calendar for July 13 Start Date](#)
- [FAQs from Dr. Everett and the Clerkship team](#)

Class of 2023

- We miss you!
- As you plan for returning to campus in August please [reference the information from COMTS regarding recommended minimum speeds for internet services, local providers, and costs.](#)

All students

- [UVM Health Network Surgical and Procedural Guidelines and PPE guide](#)
- Additional COVID-19 information is located on the [Medical Student COVID-19 Information](#) web site.
- **Access to LCOM** – As a reminder, doors to the LCOM building are locked and can only be accessed with your CatCard. Students should have their UVM (CatCard) ID on them when in the building.
- **Volunteer opportunities** are listed on the [LCOMCares Service Corps](#) web site including a link to UVM Student Volunteer Opportunities which is a Google document that lists volunteer opportunities and associated student leaders.
- [LCOM](#) and [UVM Health Network Wellness resources](#) are linked here for your convenience.
- [Current Activity In Vermont](#) - **Vermont Department of Health information** is linked here and updated frequently.
- [Medicine Grand Rounds Summer Series](#)

With gratitude,

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