

From: [Zehle, Christa H](#)
To: [Zehle, Christa H](#)
Subject: Welcome to the 2022-2023 academic year!
Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 5:17:41 PM
Attachments: [UVM fellowship announcement .pdf](#)

Dear Students,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 academic year and this month's Wednesday Wonders! For those who are new to our community, Wednesday Wonders are monthly communications from me, your Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education to connect and share items of interest and/or importance. As we begin the new academic year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our class of 2026 and our new faculty and staff including our Associate Dean for Admissions, Dr. Leila Amiri; our Associate Dean for Students, Dr. Karen George; Curriculum Coordinator, Sean Breslin; Office of Medical Education Administrative Assistant Kylie Sigrist; Curriculum Instructional Designers Erin Dunne and Kelly Becker; Finance Administrator, Janice Lorine and Clerkship Team Coordinator, Catherine Daniel. Please stop by your Office of Medical Education to say hi, meet our new employees and grab a snack from Kiersten or candy from Kylie!

Shared Responsibility

We all have a shared responsibility in keeping our community safe. Thank you for all that you have done, and continue to do, to prevent infection and mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 within our community. Please review the [UVM COVID-19 Guidelines](#) and LCOM's recommendations to:

1. Remain up to date on vaccination and booster expectations. Recent research affirms the benefits of one or two boosters in preventing severe complications related to COVID-19.
2. Wear a high-quality mask indoors. The science supports this as a way to protect yourself and others.
3. Get a test if you develop symptoms that could be related to COVID-19. Please see the latest information from [UVM](#) and the [Vermont Department of Health](#) about testing.

We all play an important role in providing health care to members of our community and therefore must remain vigilant in following public health guidance to protect our community on and off campus.

White Coat Ceremony

The [White Coat Ceremony](#) for the class of 2026 will take place on Friday, October 14, 2022, at 1:00 pm at the Ira Allen Chapel on the main campus at UVM. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with our students and their families.

Class of 2027

Wait, I thought we just welcomed the class of 2026? Yes, that is true, but today marks the first interview day for applicants for the class of 2027! Thank you to our students, faculty, staff, and members of the Admissions Office and Admissions Committee who are responsible for recruiting our next medical school class!

Research Fellowship Opportunity

Please see the attached information from Rosie Friedman, class of 2024 regarding a research opportunity at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/Harvard Medical School studying lymphatic surgery and lymphedema with Dr. Dhruv Singhal.

Did you know?

UVM was recently named one of eleven academic centers internationally who are part of the [Osher Collaborative](#) for Integrative Health funded by The Bernard Osher Foundation to study, teach, and practice integrative healthcare. The [Osher Center for Integrative Health at UVM](#) will bring together

health care providers, researchers, and educators from the Larner College of Medicine, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and the UVM Medical Center to provide patient care, conduct research, and teach best practices in the rapidly-growing field of integrative health.

What is a “Creemee”? In short, a Creemee is the Vermont way of saying soft-serve ice cream that has extra oomph. A true Vermonter considers a Creemee as its own type of ice cream, and that soft-serve ice cream cannot be compared to this Vermont delicacy.

We are delighted to kick off the new academic year and look forward to connecting with you soon!

Christa Zehle, M.D. and the Office of Medical Education team

I may at times send an email message after/outside work hours based on my schedule. I value your work-life boundaries and rhythm. Please do not feel any pressure to respond outside of your normal work or school hours unless it is convenient for you. Thank you!

Christa H. Zehle, MD (she/her)
Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Office of Medical Student Education
Larner College of Medicine at The University of Vermont

Professor of Pediatrics
Pediatric Hospitalist
Vermont Children’s Hospital University of Vermont Medical Center

MEDICAL STUDENT EDUCATION OFFICE

[Drop In Sessions](#)

The Courtyard at Given, N-127

89 Beaumont Avenue

Burlington, VT 05405-0068

Office: 802.656.0722

Christa.zehle@med.uvm.edu | www.uvm.edu/medicine

Pronouns: she/her [[Why include pronouns?](#)]

Executive Assistant: Colleen Case @ colleen.case@med.uvm.edu or 802.656.0724



The University of Vermont
LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Hi everyone,

My name is Rosie and will be joining the class of 2024 in the spring.

I wanted to share a one-of-a-kind paid opportunity for anyone interested in plastic surgery or general surgery. I am currently completing a research fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/Harvard Medical School studying lymphatic surgery and lymphedema under my mentor, Dr. Dhruv Singhal, who is a world leader in lymphatic surgery. We are currently looking for the next lymphatic research fellow for when I return to UVM in May of 2023. This is sponsored 1- or 2-year position between 3rd and 4th year, in which you get to conduct compelling research with an NIH-funded group, live in Boston, travel to conferences, and get to know the incredibly personable and well-connected team of plastic surgeons here at BIDMC. I cannot speak highly enough about my experience—I started this fellowship with little research experience and initially committed to 1 year but loved it so much I decided to complete a second year!

This position is being advertised to LCOM students first so if you're interested or have questions, please reach out me at rfriedm3@bidmc.harvard.edu before we open this up to students at other institutions.

You can find the application and information about our research at the links below.

<https://www.singhal-lab.com>

<https://www.bidmc.org/centers-and-departments/plastic-and-reconstructive-surgery/programs-and-services/lymphatic-center>