

Dear Incoming students to the Health Disparities and Service-Learning Experience Course,

Welcome!! We have had an overwhelming response to our course and are thrilled that you will be participating along with 95 fellow classmates. It is sure to be an informative, interactive and fun experience.

Here are a few important details for you to know:

Schedule

Please see the attached schedule for the Health Disparities and Service-Learning Experience Course meeting times.

We will meet on Monday August 20th in the Woods Basic Science Auditorium located on the Ground Floor of the Woods Basic Science Building. You may enter through the main entrance of the Pre Clinical Teaching Building (PCTB) at 725 North Wolfe Street and you will be directed to the auditorium in the Woods Basic Science Building on the ground floor. This is the first year medical student lecture hall.

Classes run from 9-4:30 pm on Monday and Wednesday, and from 9-5 or 5:30 on Tuesday as we will have the BASE Service-Learning Experience that day. It will be followed by a Barbecue on Tuesday evening at the completion of the Service-Learning Experience. Please attend as it will be a fun time to meet fellow students in both of the first and second year classes and to relax.

Identification Badges

Every student will need an identification badge to gain access to the buildings. For those of you who will be living in Reed Hall and arriving on Friday (August 15) or Saturday (August 16), arrangements have been made for you to get your Photo

ID badges made on Saturday, August 16, 2008 from 10-2pm. You will learn more details about this when you check into Reed Hall.

All other students will be issued a Temporary ID Badge than can be used during our course. You will get your photo ID Badge with the remainder of your classmates during orientation. Please be prepared to give your name and show a photo ID to the Security Guard when you enter the Pre Clinical Teaching Building on Monday morning. The names of all course registrants will be on a list for the Security guards to verify. You will then be directed to the Woods Basic Science Auditorium where you will pick up your temporary ID badge. Please try to arrange a few minutes early so you can get your badge before 9 am. If you are unable to get the badge before class starts, there will be other opportunities to get your badge later in the day.

Service Experience (BASE – Baltimore Awareness Service Experience)

On Tues, you will each participate in a community service project. You will receive your service assignment on Mon during the course. On Tues, we ask that you wear clothing that you do not mind getting dirty, as some of you will be painting, cleaning, weeding, planting, gardening, etc. You will know what your activity will be on Monday, but we did want to alert you to the need to wear clothes that you can work in on Tuesday. Additionally, some projects will occur outdoors. So, we suggest that you bring sunscreen, hats, sunglasses – anything you need to protect you from the sun. You may wish to bring additional water or drinks, or whatever sustenance you may need. You will be provided with a boxed lunch on this particular day (all other lunches are on your own).

We are looking forward to meeting you and are excited that you have chosen to start off your Hopkins Medical School Experience learning about this important topic.

With warm regards,

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