January 31, 2007

Dear Pre-Med Student:

Are you certain you want to be a doctor? If so, how will you make your application to medical school stand out? Do you know how to write a compelling personal statement? Are you ready for that all-important interview? How will you answer the tough interview questions? Are you prepared to discuss current issues in health care?

Enclosed is information about our PACERS (Pre-medical Academic and Career Exploration Regional Series) summer residential program. This is an amazing opportunity to gain valuable skills and information about the application process and to help reassure you of your career decision. In-depth information about the med school application process will help prepare for you for your application. Physician shadowing and visiting the gross anatomy lab at the University of South Carolina’s Medical School are a few of the opportunities also offered during the week.

Please read the enclosed information carefully and consider taking advantage of these exciting opportunities. We look forward to having you join us at USC. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Kristen Pieper
PACERS Coordinator

Enclosures
Office of Pre-Professional Advising  
University of South Carolina, Columbia  
Presents  
**Pre-Medical Academic and Career Exploration Regional Series**  
**PACERS Summer Program**  
**May 20 – May 25, 2007**  

Planning to apply to medical school? Ready for the tough interview questions?  
How can you make your application stand out?  

**We Can Help!**

This program is designed to help the serious medical school candidate explore professional options and opportunities while gaining skills necessary for submitting a high-quality medical school application. Students should be interested in a medical career with a sophomore or higher standing. A tentative schedule of the week is included. Students must live in University conference housing during the PACERS session; meals, transportation and entertainment costs will be provided as part of the program.

Reserved spaces are administered on a **first-come, first-served basis**. The first 20 applicants whose application and $100 deposit are received will have priority enrollment. The deposit will be applied to the $800 program registration fee. A waiting list will be compiled if additional applications are received. We cannot guarantee space in the program to students placed on the waiting list; however, if an opening to attend this session does not become available, your $100 deposit will be returned.

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**Summer Program Application**

Name_______________________________________________ Date of Birth__________________________

Address__________________________________________________________________________________

City_________________________________State___________________________Zip Code________________

Home Number_________________________________   Cell Number ______________________________

Email Address_______________________________________________________________________________

# of Hours Completed by May 20th, 2007 _________________________________________________________

High School Attended________________________ I am/am not interested in surgery. Please circle one.

Medical Career Interest Areas __________________, _______________________, _______________________

Please enclose a check or money order for $100 made out to USC and sent to: Office of Pre-Professional Advising, USC, 208 Sumwalt College, Columbia, SC, 29208. **This deposit is non-refundable.** The remaining $700 will be due to the Office of Pre-Professional Advising **no later than April 2, 2007.** **Students who can demonstrate a compelling financial need, via letter from a financial aid office, may qualify to have part of the additional registration fee waived (due by March 26).** Students chosen to attend may want money for personal expenses not covered by the program.

Questions may be directed to the Office at (803) 777-5581, 1-866-850-9403, or to Kristen E Pieper, pieper@mailbox.sc.edu. Students accepted will be sent an additional packet of materials to complete and return with program fees. Students will be expected to actively participate in the entire program.

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Pre-Medical Academic and Career Exploration Regional Series (PACERS)
Tentative Summer 2007 Schedule

Sunday, May 20, 2007
3:00-5:00 Check-in
5:00-8:30 Introductions/Dinner/Orientation

Monday, May 21, 2007
8:00-8:45 Breakfast
9:00-9:15 Welcome
9:15-10:15 What are they looking for?
10:30-11:00 Application Process
11:00-12:00 Personal Statement
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-1:45 pm Confessions of a Doctor
2:00-5:00 pm Practice MCAT
5:00-7:30 pm Dinner/Free Time
7:30-8:00 pm Peer Review
8:00-8:45 pm Job Shadow Prep

Tuesday, May 22, 2007
8:00-8:30 am Breakfast
8:30-12:30 pm Job Shadow
12:30-1:30 pm Lunch
1:30-2:30 pm Money and Medical School
2:30-4:30 pm Differential Diagnosis
5:00-6:00 pm Dinner
6:00-6:30 pm Interview Skills
6:30-7:30 pm Issues in Health Care
7:30-10:00 pm Movies

Wednesday, May 23, 2007
8:00-8:45 am Breakfast
8:45-10:45 am Mock Interviews
11:00-12:00 pm Issues in Health Care
12:00-12:30 pm Lunch
12:30-4:00 pm Medical School Tour
4:30-5:00 pm Photos
5:00-6:00 pm Dinner
6:30-7:00 pm Job Shadow Prep
12:00-4:00 am Job Shadow

Thursday, May 24, 2007
11:00-12:00 pm Brunch/Job Shadow Debrief
12:00-3:00 pm Blood Pressure/Suturing
3:00-5:00 pm Free Time
5:00-7:00 pm California Dreaming

Friday, May 25, 2007
9:00-10:00 am Breakfast
10:00-12:00 pm Wrap-up/Check-out

Schedule subject to change pending availability of staff and physicians.