

Stevens Health Professions Club

General Body Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2010

3rd Meeting of Fall '10

SHPC Meeting

12 October 2010 4:00PM, BC122

Dr. Jones on Applying to Grad. School:

- 1) General Information
 - a) While the number of applicants to med. school has increased dramatically over the years, the number of med. schools has generally stayed the same → competition has increased significantly
 - b) Allopathic (MD) vs. Osteopathic (DO): admit students in different ways:
 - i) (e.g. DO schools weigh MCAT score along with multiple other factors, while MD schools weigh mostly GPA and MCAT)
- 2) Requirements for applying to medical school (in order of decreasing magnitude):
 - a) Required courses and GPA/grades (particularly significant for MD schools)
 - b) Medical school = MCAT; dental school = DAT
 - c) Medical experience: e.g. shadowing, EMT, CPR,
 - d) Volunteering / service to society
 - e) What do you do in your spare time? leisure activities that provide a change of mind; extracurriculars
 - f) Research experience
- 3) Test Info:
 - a) Acceptable MCAT score is constantly changing. Right now it is 32 or above.
 - b) DAT score should definitely be above an 18
 - c) DON'T take the test unless you're really prepared!
 - d) The date you take the MCAT is also important.
- 4) The application process:
 - a) Try to take orgo and bio as early as you can
 - b) In junior year, you should be very serious about your position and what you have planned
 - c) First MCAT needs to be taken by June at end of junior year (if needed, take 2nd MCAT by end of the summer)
 - d) Start apps June 1st, hopefully finish by June 30th
 - e) 3 letters of recommendation from teachers to HPAC (health professions advisory committee): you have to know these teachers well!
 - f) Work very very hard on the personal statement
- 5) "Goal is to be admitted, NOT to be rejected by the best"
- 6) Email: fjones@stevens.edu

Becoming an EMT:

- 1) Types of EMT:
 - a) Certified first responder
 - b) EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, EMT-Paramedic
- 2) Hoboken EMS is a great place to work and to learn!
- 3) See ATTACHED PowerPoint by Dani
- 4) Email: dcastion@stevens.edu



E-Board Attended (5):

Shyam Shah
Evangelos Kustubardis
Dani Castioni
Neya Shah
Erin Duggan

“Don't listen to rumors. Get it straight from the horse's mouth. I am the horse.”
- Dr. Jones

Absent: None