Happy 2015!

As always, contact your Owl Club Reps with questions, comments or concerns!

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What to look for this year

- Step 2 Panel ~March 2015
- T3/T4 Career Day ~Spring 2015
- OWL CLUB BANQUET ~MAY 2015
- New Away Rotation Owl Club Page
- Updated Research Opportunities
- Updated T2 Resources Owl Club Page
- Tulane Graduates Residency Match Interactive Map

T2 OSR Rep Ben Jones and T3 OSR Rep Tristan Juhan attended the AAMC annual meeting in Chicago. The meeting was a great opportunity to exchange ideas, and reps hope to bring these ideas back to improve Tulane. In collaboration with Dr. Chakraborti and the Dean's Office, OSR reps organized the first T2 career day in November to give students an opportunity to learn more about various specialties from physicians. OSR is also working on creating a searchable map of Tulane graduates residency match results for the past 5 years. This information will hopefully give students an avenue to contact alumni about their experience at their residency program in the various specialties. Tristan and Ben are also working on finalizing the details on the T3/T4 career day in the spring.

→ OSR Reps are currently looking for applicants for the class of 2018, so if you are an interested T1, be sure to apply!
Class Updates:

**T1 OWL Update**

In the past few months, the T1 Owl Club reps have been working with course directors to address feedback from our class, specifically focusing on the efficiency of PBLs. We have also worked to schedule course review sessions and tutoring with OME in response to our first block exam. On a fun note, the Owl Club Banquet is in the works and we look forward to celebrating Tulane professors at the end of the year!

**HEALX OWL Update**

Since the HEALX program is currently on hiatus, the HEALX rep’s focus has shifted to discussing with the OME ways to provide future students with information on important medical student study skills and strategies that have been demonstrated to improve performance and retention. We hope that this will aid students in honing their study skills and developing strategies to make their transition more seamless. Additionally, we have discussed HEALX student evaluations for the novel Brain and Behavior module with its module directors. This module combines neuroanatomy, neuropathology, and psychiatry into one module. Working with the module directors we are trying to strike a balance between class time usage for assessing important and troublesome concepts and independent adult learning.

**T2 OWL Update**

The T2 Owl Club reps have undertaken a number of different endeavors this past semester. Over the summer, T2 reps reorganized the Owl Club website’s T1 resources pages based on data collected from the class of 2017; similar plans are underway for the T2 resources pages. In October, reps presented a revamped Anatomy Shelf Review for the T1s and also put together the first “Surviving T1 Integration” panel and Q&A. Reps also hosted the annual “Surviving Step 1” Presentation Panel (a new and well-received format with record attendance) for their class in November. In addition, some of the reps have taken on side projects such as updating Owl Club’s research resources page, gathering data about study strategies, and working with OME to improve the current PAL tutoring system. T2 Owl reps, along with the T2 Curriculum Committee rep, recently met with the T2 subcurriculum committee to discuss means of improving consistency in overall block organization, self-studies expectations, and TBLs.

**T3/4 OWL Update**

The T3/T4 Owl club reps have been meeting with the OME and clerkship directors to continue to improve student experiences throughout the clerkships. Most recently, the Pediatrics and Psychiatry clerkships have been discussed and issues have been addressed. Owl Club reps are also in partnership with the Curriculum Committee, MSG and the OME to address weaknesses in our clinical skills training and have initiated a Clinical Skills Committee. T4 reps are currently putting together helpful Away Rotation information that will soon be placed on the Owl Club website.