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Welcome to the 2013 WAAHP Conference!

We are thrilled that you have chosen to join us for the next few days as we explore healthcare and the role we play as advisors.

As has been our tradition we will be joining the WGSA to maximize our ability to present information that is both timely and relevant to all. In addition, for the first time ever we have moved to a mixed model of programming which allows the WAAHP additional ability to present information about all areas of healthcare.

We have worked hard with our partners to provide informational and working sessions to enhance all of our knowledge bases and stimulate exciting and continual conversation that can help lead us into the future.

As part of a larger national organization, NAAHP, we are thrilled to get together every other year as a region and explore the diversity of the west. We hope you find the next few days to be of personally and professionally beneficial and we look forward to hearing your feedback throughout the conference.

Thank you for joining us.

Phillip Scharf
President, WAAHP

Craig Vaske
Program Chair, WAAHP Regional Conference 2013

2013 WAAHP Conference Committee

Craig Vaske, University of Wyoming
Dr. Penelope (Penny) Bennett, University of Colorado Boulder
Carolyn Willmann, UC Irvine
Amber Collins, Brigham Young University

Additional Acknowledgements

Event Coordination: Christine Crispen, UC Irvine School of Medicine
Retirement and Recognition Reception: Kathy Samms, University of Puget Sound
Program: Becca Bregel, Seattle University

QUICK REFERENCE

Check-in and Registration Schedule

Thursday, May 2: 4:00PM-7:00 PM, Radisson Hotel Lobby

Friday, May 3: 8:00AM-5:00PM, Medical Education Building Patio

Saturday, May 4: 7:30AM-Noon, UCI Student Center Pacific Ballroom Lobby

Saturday, May 4: 7:30AM-5:00PM, UCI Student Center Pacific Ballroom Lobby (AAMC Regional Conference check-in)

Shuttle Information

Friday, May 3

8:00AM & 8:30AM From Radisson to UCI Medical Education Building

5:15PM From UCI Medical Education Building to Radisson

Saturday, May 4

7:15AM & 7:45AM From Radisson to UCI Student Center

7:00AM-10:00AM Between Fairmont and UCI Student Center (every 20-30 minutes)

2:00-8:30PM Between Fairmont and UCI Student Center (every 20-30 minutes)

Sunday, May 5

7:15AM & 7:45AM From Radisson to UCI Medical Education Building

6:30AM-10:00AM Between Fairmont and UCI Student Center (every 20-30 minutes)

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See AAMC Western Regional Conference program for additional afternoon and evening shuttle information.

Hotel Information

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, MAY 3

7:30AM-8:30AM	WAAHP Board Meeting (board members and invited guests only) UCI Medical Education Building Room 3131
8:30AM-9:30AM	Continental Breakfast sponsored by University of Queensland Ochsner UCI Medical Education Building Patio
9:00AM-11:15AM	New Advisor Workshop UCI Medical Education Building Telemedicine Theater, Basement
9:00AM-11:00AM	Experienced Advisors Meeting and Tour of UCI Medical Education Building UCI Medical Education Building Colloquium Room 3070, Third Floor
11:00AM-Noon	Townhall UCI Medical Education Building Nelson Auditorium
Noon-1:15PM	Lunch sponsored by Ross University UCI Medical Education Building Patio
1:15PM-5:00PM	CONCURENT SESSIONS UCI Medical Education Building
5:00PM-7:00PM	Break/light dinner with colleagues
7:00PM-9:00PM	Annual Retirement and Recognition Reception sponsored by Kaplan Radisson Hotel Pacific 5

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:00AM-11:00AM	CONCURENT SESSIONS UCI Student Center
11:00AM-Noon	Lunch sponsored by American University of the Caribbean UCI Student Center Emerald Bay BC
Noon-4:00PM	<u>WAAHP Conference attendees</u> : Break to explore campus, network, and attend cultural arts programming.
3:00PM-6:00PM	<u>WAAHP/AAMC Western Regional joint conference attendees</u> : Opening Plenary and Poster Session.
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4:15PM-5:45PM	Student Session
5:45PM-7:30PM	Advisor Session

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:00AM-11:30AM	Professional Shuffle UCI Medical Education Building (meet in the lobby)
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MONDAY, MAY 6

7:00AM-9:00AM	WAAHP Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast sponsored by LECOM Radisson Pacific 5
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CONFERENCE NOTES

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UCI Medical Education Building Telemedicine Theater, Basement
Dr. William "Bill" Wingard, Lead Advisor/Professional and Graduate School, University of California, San Diego
Dr. Joseph "Nik" Nika Coordinator, PreHealth Science Professional Program, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Introduction to key advising resources, suggestions on how to seek mentoring and networking opportunities, and a chance to get your questions answered!

9:00AM-11:00AM **Experienced Advisor Meeting and Tour of UCI Medical Education Building**
UCI Medical Education Building Colloquium Room 3070, Third Floor
Phil Scharf, Director of Pre-Professional Advising, Arizona State University
Craig Vaske, Coordinator of Student Advising, University of Wyoming
Networking, discussion of issues for business meeting, and informal board nominations.

11:00AM-Noon **Townhall Meeting**
UCI Medical Education Building Nelson Auditorium
Welcome from national and regional officers.

Noon-1:15PM **Lunch** *sponsored by Ross University*
UCI Medical Education Building Patio

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

All sessions held in the UCI Medical Education Building

1:15PM-2:00PM

Understanding Accreditation and Credentialing in Public Health

Allison Foster, Association of Schools of Public Health

This presentation will demystify the accreditation of public health education and how advisors can use this information to best advise their students. Participants will also hear about several credentialing options for public health professionals and how students can best prepare themselves for entering, and succeeding, in the public health workforce.

Location: Telemedicine Theater, Basement

Webchats: Engaging Applicants to Foster Community and Enhance Pre dental Recruitment

Dr. Emil Chuck, Director of Admissions, Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine

Technology supporting virtual conference or webinar presentations has become more widely used to connect with and engage prospective applicants, advisors, and committed applicants. This presentation will focus on recent efforts by Case School of Dental Medicine to recruit, inform, and support these stakeholders throughout the application process. Such presentations were designed to keep audience members engaged and provide additional insight that will help applicants become more familiar with dental education and the admissions processes, including a virtual “problem-based learning” class experience.

Location: Colloquium Room 3070, Third Floor

Use of Self-Assessments in Application Preparation

Rebecca "Becca" Bregel, Pre-Health Academic Advisor, Seattle University

The use of applicant self-assessments can promote student ownership in their own development, help provide a basis for the decision to move forward on an application or not, create long and short term goals and assist students in learning to look at application components comprehensively.

Location: Tamkin F-108

2:15PM-3:00PM

Naturopathic Medicine in Southern California

TBD, Bastyr University

Bastyr University California represents both the soul of Naturopathic medicine and is stepping out on the leading edge to collaborate with our Integrative Medicine practitioners. The depth of Naturopathic medicine is rooted in its principles and built on a foundation of education, clinical services and research. This presentation focuses on the depth, principles and core modalities of naturopathic medicine. It then expands to intentional visioning and specific avenues where naturopathic medicine can be a leader in patient centered care, advocate for lifestyle treatment as a standard of care, support the creation of a culture of health and wellness with our integrative medicine, acupuncturist, chiropractic and mental health care providers. As we move full circle, the discussion will conclude with the importance of

outcome research and a brief report on the cost effectiveness of prevention and lifestyle treatment in the reduction of chronic disease.

Location: Telemedicine Theater, Basement

Letters of Evaluation

Dr. Joseph Nika, Coordinator, PreHealth Science Professional Program, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

This will be an informal discussion of the recent developments of the Letters of Evaluation Initiative. Although this issue will not be formally addressed until the revision of the MCAT in 2015, a task force comprised of health professions advisors and professional school admissions officers is currently exploring possibilities regarding guidelines for standardization of letters of recommendation. This session will provide an update on preliminary guidelines that have been proposed. The guidelines are intended to be a work in progress and may differ significantly as the deliberations progress over the next several years.

Location: Colloquium Room 3070, Third Floor

Advising Students on Health Related International Programs

Dr. Evaleen Jones, Associate Clinical Professor, President of Child Family Health International, Stanford University

Discussion of the values, pitfalls, and opportunities in international health related experiences for prehealth students.

Location: Tamkin F-108

3:15-4:00PM

Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants and Scopes of Practice

Dr. Penelope "Penny" Bennett, Director of Medical Scholar's Program, University of Colorado, Boulder

A discussion of the differences in the educational paths, scope of practice, and licensure between nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

Location: Telemedicine Theater, Basement

Social Media and Advising

Allison Takeda, Assistant Director of Admissions, Southern California College of Optometry

Dr. Jane Anne Munroe Director of Admissions Southern California College of Optometry

Eryn Kraning, Assistant Director of Admissions, Southern California College of Optometry

This session is split into three 15-minute sessions: two presentations and one workshop. The first presentation will discuss how social media can be used to advise students during the application process. The second presentation will examine how digital media can be used in the recruiting practices. The workshop will instruct attendees on how to prepare an elevator speech and practice presenting their personal statements to colleagues. While the forum will be open to questions throughout the session, upon completion of all modules, there will be time to discuss topics further if needed.

Location: Colloquium Room 3070, Third Floor

Lessons Learned: Year 1 for the Tour for Diversity in Medicine

Dr. Kameron Matthews, Co-Director, Tour for Diversity in Medicine

Conceived by former medical student leaders, the mission of the Tour for Diversity in Medicine (T4D) is to educate, inspire and cultivate future physicians and dentists of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds by forming local connections to fulfill a national need. Underrepresented minority (URM) pre-health students are a critical pool of potential health care providers that, if tapped, will address the health care needs of the United States, and bring additional perspectives, experiences and backgrounds to the health professions. Unfortunately, many URM pre-health students face barriers, real or perceived, that prevent them from advancing to a career in the health professions and that require special attention within their advising and preparation. Through visits to undergraduate campuses and other online opportunities, T4D attempts to provide exposure and education to those students who otherwise lack resources or experiences. Collaborating with NAAHP, T4D also assists advisors as a supplementary source of information and partnership.

Location: Tamkin F-108

4:15PM-5:00PM

Brainstorming: Diversity in the West

Chere Pereira, Chief Premedical/Pre dental Advisor, Oregon State University

Dr. Thomas Landefeld, Professor of Biology and Prehealth Advisor, California State University Dominguez Hill

The goal of this session is to learn from our colleagues about actions and strategies to encourage diversity among our students. We want to hear about simple actions, ambitious projects and everything in between. Some of us are at PWI (Primarily White Institutions) and some are at MSI (Minority Serving Institutions) and we want to hear from everyone. Ideas will be collected and summarized for presentation on May 6th.

Location: Telemedicine Theater, Basement

Brainstorming: Arranging Job Shadowing

Dr. Penelope "Penny" Bennett, Director of Medical Scholar's Program, University of Colorado, Boulder

The goal of this session is to learn from our colleagues about actions and strategies to arrange or promote job shadowing and other health care experiences for our students. We want to hear about simple actions, ambitious projects and everything in between. Ideas will be collected and summarized for presentation on May 6th.

Location: Colloquium Room 3070, Third Floor

Brainstorming: Outreach to Community Colleges and Extension Campuses

Lisa Shipley, Manager of Student Advising, University of Wyoming

Craig Vaske, Coordinator of Student Advising, University of Wyoming

The goal of this session is to learn from our colleagues about actions and strategies to improve communication and coordination at community colleges and extension campuses with more limited resources. We want to hear about simple actions, ambitious projects and everything

in between. We are especially interested in the perspective of the community college and extension campuses as to what does or does not work for them and why. Ideas will be collected and summarized for presentation on May 6th.

Location: Tamkin F-108

5:00-7:00PM **Break for light dinner with WAAHP colleagues**

7:00PM-9:00PM **Annual Retirement and Recognition Reception** *sponsored by Kaplan*
Radisson Hotel Pacific 5

A time to reconnect with colleagues, welcome new advisors, celebrate accomplishments and acknowledge those who have retired. Heavy appetizers and desserts will be served.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Shuttle Schedule

7:15AM & 7:45AM	From Radisson to UCI Student Center
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Check-in and Registration

7:30AM-Noon	WAAHP Check-in and Registration UCI Student Center Pacific Ballroom Lobby
7:30AM-5:00PM	AAMC Western Regional Conference Check-in and Registration UCI Student Center Pacific Ballroom Lobby

If you are registered for the WAAHP/AAMC Western Regional joint conference, stop by the registration desk during the day to pick up your program and conference materials.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

All sessions held in the UCI Student Center

8:00AM-8:45AM

Tools for Exploring Health Careers

Dr. Ginger Fisher Lecturer and MBS Coordinator, University of Northern Colorado

As advisors, we see the whole range of approaches to choosing a career: How do we help "tunnel vision" students, who have decided on a career without ever considering anything else? How do we help our "nebulous" students, who want to pursue something in healthcare, but have no idea what? How do we help students who are pursuing a career for which they are ill suited? There are wonderful resources available, but there are so many health careers that advisors need more than just information -- we need a way to simplify choices and narrow options. This session focuses on specific strategies for helping students navigate the

wide world of health careers and find suitable options. Through lecture and discussion, we will begin with the challenges facing students and ways to orient students philosophically, review available resources, then try out various strategies. Time permitting, we will practice the strategies, using real case studies.

Location: Emerald Bay A

Practical Advice for Working with LGBT Applicants

Dr. William "Bill" Wingard, Lead Advisor/Professional and Graduate School, University of California San Diego

Discussion of how to work with LGBT students when approaching questions of applying, self-identity and creating a welcoming advising center.

Location: Emerald Bay D

How Bioethics Can Help Future Physicians in Applying to Medical Schools and Being Doctors

Dr. Robert Klitzman, Director, Masters of Bioethics Program, Columbia University

Increasingly, as doctors confront bioethical dilemmas, and are frequently unsure how to proceed, training in bioethics can be very helpful. In recent years, rapid scientific developments have transformed health care, but our abilities – as providers, patients and a society -- to understand and make key decisions about these advances has often lagged far behind. Many doctors wrestle with challenges of how to define medical futility, when to terminate life-support for patients with poor prognoses, and whether to enter their patients into pharmaceutical company studies. Physicians are beginning to order genetic tests of fetuses, allowing prospective parents to terminate pregnancies due to the presence of certain genetic markers; but quandaries arise of which markers should justify such termination, who should decide, and how. Larger ethical and policy debates of who should be insured, and for what, also profoundly shape medical practice.

Location: Emerald Bay E

9:00AM-9:45AM

Peer Health Advising

Dr. Alan Wong, Baskin School of Engineering, University of California Santa Cruz

The presentation will cover the development of a pre-health peer advising program, which includes advisory committee (with student, staff and faculty representation), pre-health student organizations (such as AMSA), motivated student volunteers, paid positions, as well as leveraging a chancellor internship opportunity. The program offers a pipeline to develop better peer advisers and establishes a network to reach out to pre-health students.

Location: Emerald Bay A

Evaluating and Communicating Competencies with Prehealth Advisees and Applicants

Dr. Emil Chuck, Director of Admissions, Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine

As an example of competency-based admissions, this session will look at the opportunities and challenges the admissions committee at Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine has

taken to look more holistically at applicant competencies, including outreach strategies to advisees and advisors. Competencies were defined as an extension of technical standards and expectations required for success in our challenging curriculum. Interviewers were also asked to rate their perception of individual candidates' competencies, and preliminary results may be discussed in a context on crafting better and more informative letters of evaluation.

Location: Emerald Bay D

Entry Level Non-Physician Doctoral Degrees

TBA

Discuss the variety of non-physician health care careers with doctoral level entry requirements. Learn about the requirements, opportunities and pathways through each.

Location: Emerald Bay E

10:00AM-10:45AM

Access Programs in the West

Margo Colalancia, Director, Student Exchange, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Our need for healthcare professionals will continue to increase as implementation of the Affordable Care Act moves forward. State policymakers are looking for the smartest investment of limited public funds, and sharing educational resources within the West is a fiscally responsible approach. Given fiscal pressures and other factors, it doesn't always make sense for a state to create its own program in certain healthcare professions.

Location: Emerald Bay A

Recruiting Podiatry Students

Dr. Lawrence Harless, Professor of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery, Western University of the Health Sciences

Comprehend how a career as a podiatric physician and surgeon will provide the same rewards to a well-qualified student as would allopathic medicine. Outline for advisees the benefits of choosing a career in podiatric medicine, given the great need for their services.

Location: Emerald Bay D

Professionalism Through the Application Process and Beyond

Dr. Jen Adams, Senior Director of Strategic Academic Partnerships, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

Kim Dunn, Regional Director Student Affairs and Admissions, Campbell University College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

As one of the most trusted healthcare professions, the Doctor of Pharmacy program focuses on professionalism during undergraduate training and throughout the application and matriculation process. During the application process, applicants are subject to the AACP Applicant Code of Conduct, and the personal statement is evaluated for plagiarism through Turnitin. Professionalism is also evaluated during the application and interviewing process and expected after matriculation for all health professions. This session will focus on

professionalism in undergraduate education, including advising activities, as well as professionalism in the professional program application process and throughout professional education.

Location: Emerald Bay E

11:00AM-Noon **Lunch sponsored by American University of the Caribbean**
UCI Student Center Emerald Bay BC

Noon-4:00PM **WAAHP Conference attendees: Break**
Advisors are welcome to use this time to explore campus, network with other advisors, or attend one of the cultural events on campus. A full list of cultural events is included with your WAAHP conference materials.

Highlighted opportunity for WAAHP attendees:

2:00PM-3:30PM Lecture and Tour of “Evidence...Works by Paul Vanouse”
at the Beall Center for Art + Technology

David Familian , Associate Director of the Beall Center for Art + Technology, will provide a lecture on this installation, which incorporates biology and art. Please see the end of this program for a full description of this unique display. Space is limited to 20. Please sign up at the WAAHP registration table if you are interested in attending.

3:00PM-6:00PM **WAAHP/AAMC Western Regional joint conference attendees: Opening Plenary and Poster Session**

Refer to AAMC Western Regional Conference program for details and location.

4:15PM-7:30PM **Meet the Dean’s Fair sponsored by Western Dental Schools and ADEA**
UCI Student Center Emerald Bay ABCDE

Representatives from health professions programs will be available for one-on-one discussions with premedical students and advisors. Each institution will have a table and display as well as literature to share with your students. This session is a wonderful opportunity to get to know those admissions personnel involved in evaluation your students. Student Session: 4:15PM-5:45PM, Advisor Session: 5:45PM-7:30PM.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

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8:00AM-11:30AM Professional Shuffle

UCI Medical Education Building (please meet in the lobby)

Practicing professionals and national representatives from most health professions on the Advisory Board will present a brief update and answer those never-asked questions in a small group format. This is an opportunity to meet someone who can speak to the “real reasons” a student might choose their profession.

11:30AM WAAHP/AAMC Western Regional joint conference begins!

Joint conference attendees should refer to AAMC Western Regional Conference program for sessions, programs and locations.

MONDAY, MAY 6

Shuttle Schedule

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7:00AM-9:00AM **WAAHP Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast** *sponsored by LECOM*
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