



AAMP

Alumni Admission Mentor Program



FEATURED AAMP VOLUNTEERS



Dr. Kelly Tenbrink, MD
Class of 2009

Dr. Kelly Tenbrink was born in Kenya, raised in Indonesia, and has traveled to 53 countries—including the Czech Republic during the SGU summer clinical elective in Prague. His international background made SGU the perfect place to pursue medicine. Dr. Tenbrink has always been heavily involved in the University, working as a course tutor and serving as a Student Government Association representative. Upon graduating in 2009, Dr. Tenbrink has remained active with SGU by interviewing applicants and co-hosting information sessions. He is a greatly valued AAMP member, and we thank him for his continued contributions to the University. Dr. Kelly Tenbrink is currently the Emergency Medicine Chief Resident at Case Western Reserve University Hospital and expects to complete his residency in June 2012.



Dr. Arash Afshinnik, MD
Class of 2005

Dr. Arash Afshinnik emigrated from Iran to California at a very young age and graduated from UC Davis with a BS in Neurophysiology. While applying for medical school, a close friend and SGU graduate suggested he attend an information session. He explains, "There were statistics presented, but it was talking to and seeing recent graduates with real life results which was most helpful." The advice and personal experiences from graduates was so valuable, Dr. Afshinnik now extends the same courtesy to prospective medical students. He is available at information sessions and via email and phone to answer any questions. "I'm an AAMP member because I truly believe SGU prepares every graduate for a successful career in medicine." Dr. Afshinnik trained in adult neurology at the University of Chicago and recently completed his neurocritical care fellowship at Emory University. He is now a Neurocritical Care attending with Oschner Health System in New Orleans.

If you would like to update and share your professional achievements in the quarterly AAMP Newsletter or to unsubscribe, please contact Natasha Duggal at nduggal@sgu.edu or 1-631-665-8500 ext. 9 1420.

NEW YORK CITY ALUMNI RECEPTION



Chancellor Modica and his wife, Lisa, pose for a picture with graduates and current clinical students

On Saturday, June 11, 2011, the Office of Alumni Relations hosted an Alumni Reception. The event was held at Providence Lounge in New York City to acknowledge the contributions made by the alumni of the Schools of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine as well as to celebrate the commencement ceremonies of St. George's University's newest graduates, the Class of 2011.

More than 120 attendees enjoyed a night of dinner, dancing, and drinks. Honored guests included Chancellor Charles R. Modica and his wife, Lisa. University administration, clinical faculty, and faculty from both Grenada and

the Northumbria University also attended the event. While the majority of guests included alumni ranging from the newest Class of 2011 to the Charter Class of 1981, clinical students in the tri-state area were also invited to enjoy the festivities.

Presidents of the Alumni Association Drs. Nada Boskoic (SOM Class of 2003) and Francesca Ivaldi (SVM Class of 2006) hosted the event, expressing their gratitude to all the alumni for attending. The Office of Alumni Relations is looking forward to making next year's event even greater!

MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." – William James

Every year St. George's alumni generate an enormous impact on current and prospective St. George's University students, donating their time and passing on their acquired knowledge of the medical profession. The year 2011 has been no different, and the early results are positive.

The next highly-competitive incoming class is set to be the largest to date, coming from the top universities and colleges around the world. Likewise, alumni are continuing to surpass expectations securing prestigious residencies and fellowships and making headlines in local, regional, and national levels. The AAMP network has expanded to include veterinarians and physicians from all over the world. In addition to improving the quality of life for hundreds of

patients and teaching in hospitals and universities, AAMP members are helping students transform into global medical leaders.

We would like to include a special warm welcome to our recent graduates and newest alumni from the Class of 2011! Additionally, we would like to express our gratitude to the alumni who responded to the flurry of emails and letters regarding AAMP membership and inclusion in the next edition of the School of Medicine Alumni Volunteer Directory (AVD) as well as the very first edition of the School of Veterinary Medicine AVD.

We are grateful for your participation. Although the deadline has passed to include or update your biography for the next AVD, please visit www.sgu.edu/alumni/alumni-form/ if you wish to update your contact information and records.

-Thomas Day, AAMP Coordinator

You can be the reason a student chooses SGU! If you are not already a participating member of AAMP, now is the time to come on board! For questions regarding the Alumni Admission Mentor Program (AAMP) or prestigious Schools of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine Alumni Volunteer Directory (AVD), please contact Thomas Day at tday@sgu.edu or 1 (800) 899-6337 ext. 9 1297.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us at one of our upcoming information sessions in the following cities. More details available at www.sgu.edu/infosession.

- 9/12 Fort Collins, CO
- 9/13 Phoenix, AZ
- 9/13 Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 9/14 Saskaton, SK, Canada
- 9/15 Regina, SK, Canada
- 9/19 Stockholm, Sweden
- 9/20 London, England
- 9/21 Indianapolis, IN
- 9/27 Raleigh, NC
- 10/6 Berkeley, CA
- 10/11 Syracuse, NY
- 10/17 Milwaukee, WI
- 10/18 Atlanta, GA
- 10/19 Miami, FL
- 10/19 Columbus, OH
- 10/20 Orlando, FL
- 10/24 Irvine, CA
- 10/25 Hong Kong
- 10/26 Taipei, Taiwan
- 10/28 Columbo, Sri Lanka
- 10/29 Washington D.C.
- 10/29 San Diego, CA
- 10/30 Chennai, India
- 10/31 Mumbai, India
- 11/2 Delhi, India
- 11/2 St. Louis, MO
- 11/8 Houston, TX
- 11/9 Dallas, TX

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS



During his more than 27 years as a physician, Dr. Wiley T. Robinson has proven himself as not just a highly capable and highly trained physician, but as a medical leader within his community. Most recently, the Tennessee Medical Association (TMA)—the

state's largest physician organization—selected Dr. Robinson to serve as president-elect for 2011 and, subsequently, as president of the association in 2012.

Dr. Robinson was chosen by popular vote in the TMA election by members of the organization, which include approximately two-thirds of the licensed physicians in the state of Tennessee. He will also serve on the TMA Board of Trustees, which is responsible for the implementation and direction of association activities between sessions of the House of Delegates, the association's governing body.

In addition to his new role as president, Dr. Robinson holds various leadership positions within the medical community. He is co-founder and president of Inpatient Physicians of the Mid-South in Memphis, Tennessee and serves as vice-chairman of the board of trustees for MetroCare physicians, a not-for-profit independent physicians association. Additional leadership includes the Health Choice Insurance, Quality Assurance Committee, Medical

Advisory Board of the Preventive Medicine Department at Methodist Hospital, Society of Hospital Medicine, and University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis.

He credits his success, in part, to the University. "You gain a worldly experience at SGU and it contributes to your growth, making you a superior physician." Like many other alumni, Dr. Robinson was a bit hesitant about attending medical school in another country. However, he took a leap of faith and had the confidence and drive to succeed. "I had traveled, but the prospect of going abroad to get a medical education was a bit daunting," he admitted. "It was the first place I was accepted and it had the highest pass rates. I eventually overcame any question that I had about my own ability, and I realized I was more than capable." Upon graduating in 1984, Dr. Robinson went on to complete his residency in the United States and was selected Chief Resident at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Paterson, NJ. The motivation that brought him to St. George's is the same that he has carried throughout his career.

Dr. Robinson exemplifies the type of health care professional St. George's University hopes to produce in the Schools of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. The University is grateful for Dr. Robinson's contributions as an AAMP member and congratulate him on his TMA election.



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