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Across the Continuum of Education - Winter 2025

Dear BSD faculty, residents, fellows, students, and staff,

As winter (and snow) settle over Chicago, it is a good moment to reflect on not just the opportunities and challenges facing medical education and healthcare, including the importance and challenge of promoting well-being for all those in our continuum. To that end, we are pleased to provide educational offerings during the upcoming GME Well-Being Month open to all. On the theme of well-being, Artificial Intelligence (AI) offers exciting opportunities to improve patient care and create systems ease workload. Is the same true for medical education? We will be exploring this question at this year's Medical Education Day. As we explore this and other important questions on this campus, we are also reminded of the importance of the Chicago Principles as the university celebrates their 10 years anniversary later this month with an all-day event.



This winter, whether you are spending your days seeing patients, studying for Step 1, or everything in between, I hope these events and resources below offer new insights, community building, professional growth, along with a moment to recharge.

Best Wishes,

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Undergraduate Medical Education

Phoenix Curriculum Phase 2 Launches Soon

The first cohort of Pritzker students traversing the new Phoenix Curriculum will begin [Phase 2](#), the clinical clerkship portion of the renovated curriculum, at the end of March after completing the first Scholarship and Discovery research block. Thank you to the many who will make it possible to have a one-time “overlap” period this year three weeks (3/31/25 - 4/25/25) on the wards as legacy M3s complete their rotations. The revised clinical phase includes earlier and longer core clinical rotations and increased elective time for more specialty exploration.



"Curriculum renewal presented a prime opportunity to improve our clerkship year," said Dr. Amber Pincavage, the Director of Phoenix Phase 2. "We aimed to enhance ambulatory education through the introduction of a new Ambulatory Clerkship, expand the Neurology Clerkship, and standardize assessments across all clerkships. We will also integrate interprofessional experiences, the HEAR curriculum, and radiology throughout Phase 2."

Phase 3, or transition to residency, is under development under the leadership of Phase 3 Director Dr. Phil Losavio.

Pritzker M2 Receives MLK Legacy Award from Chicago Bulls



Photo: Nancy Wong

Second-year Pritzker student Jameel Alausa has received a 2024-2025 MLK Legacy Award from the Chicago Bulls in recognition of his efforts [through the novel Sneakers to Scrubs initiative](#).

Alausa co-founded Sneakers to Scrubs in 2023 with fellow Pritzker students Marcus Allen and Solomon Egbe with the goal of increasing the number of Black men in the field of

medicine. The program taps into the students' shared backgrounds as former college and professional athletes to connect with underserved youth on the South and West Side of Chicago to provide mentorship and exposure to careers in medicine. Alausa will be honored, along with other Chicago citizens, by the Bulls at halftime of their Martin Luther King Jr. Day Game on Friday, January 17.

Pritzker, BSD, and UCM Well Represented at AAMC Conference

A large contingent from across the continuum represented the University of Chicago at the recent AAMC Learn, Serve, Lead Conference in Atlanta, including several who gave featured presentations:

- **James Woodruff, MD, Pritzker's Dean of Students, on supporting learner free speech;**
- Fourth-year Pritzker student **Naomi Tesema** on how to mitigate misinformation;
- **Bess Wildman**, Vice Dean of Academic Administration and Finance for the BSD, on physician recruitment, retention, and compensation in a competitive landscape;
- **Rachel Wolfson, MD, Pritzker's Assistant Dean of Medical Student Research, on student engagement during virtual vs. in-person research experiences;**
- Fourth-year Pritzker student **Tony Dagher** on preference signaling in the orthopaedic surgery match;
- Second-year Medicine-Pediatrics resident **Zoie Sheets, MD, on disability inclusion in medical education;**
- **Mary Kate Selling**, Chief Analytics Officer for UCM, on improving equity in data analytics at the health system level;
- **Wei Wee Lee, MD, Pritzker's Associate Dean of Students on well-being to the Organization of Student Representatives.**

Bowman Society Lecture – January 30, 2025

Click the image below to register for the virtual lecture

Marcia Faustin, MD, is a 2013 Pritzker graduate, an Assistant Clinical Professor at UC Davis, and the Co-Head Team Physician for the gold medal-winning USA Gymnastics Women's National Team. She was featured last summer [in *The New York Times/The Athletic*](#).



**The Bowman Society
Lecture Series Presents:**

**"A Game Changer in
Sports: Addressing
Mental Health in
Athletes"**

Marcia Faustin, MD, FAAFP

Assistant Clinical Professor University of
California, Davis
co-Head Team Physician & Medical
Director - UC Davis Intercollegiate
Athletics

**Thursday, January 30, 2025
5:00 pm Central Time**

Via Zoom



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Graduate Medical Education

Well-Being Month 2025

Graduate Medical Education, with the support of the Bucksbaum-Siegler Institute for Clinical Excellence, will host the Well-Being Month lecture series **January 27 – February 21, 2025**. The annual programming of well-being focused activities includes a noontime plenary series available to all residents, medical students, faculty, and staff. In addition to the lectures, GME will offer activities aimed at providing the UChicago community the opportunity to come together to create (candle making workshop) and relax (chair massages)!

Lectures will be held via Zoom and all plenary sessions begin at noon. Contact gmeoffice@uchicagomedicine.org or visit the [Well-Being Month webpage](#) for more information.

Well-Being Month 2025 • Lecture Series

TIME: All lectures will be held from 12-1 p.m. **LOCATION:** Zoom

Monday January 27, 2025	Tuesday February 4, 2025	Thursday February 13, 2025	Friday February 21, 2025	Wednesday February 5, 2025
				
				
Wellness Interventions: What Works, What Doesn't, and at What Cost? Gregory Guldner, MD, MS Vice President of Academic Affairs HCA Healthcare Graduate Medical Education	Financial Well-Being James Ahn, MD, MHPE Associate Professor of Medicine Director, Emergency Medicine Residency Director, Medical Education Fellowship UChicago Medicine	The Language of Being Well Ariene S. Chung, MD, MACM, FACEP Professor of Emergency Medicine, Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont, Co-Director, Medical Education & Simulation Fellowship Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Vermont Health Network	The Benefits of CANDOR: Telling the Truth to Patients and Families Who Have Been Harmed by Healthcare Bruce Lambert, PhD Professor, Department of Communication Studies, Department of Medical Social Science Northwestern University	Bucksbaum-Siegler Well-Being Presentation The Bucksbaum-Siegler Institute is committed to improving the patient-physician relationship through teaching and research.

Physician Credit: The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 3.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Other Participant Credit: Other participants will receive a Certificate of Participation. For information on the applicability and acceptance of Certificates of Participation for educational activities certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ from organizations accredited by the ACCME, please consult your professional licensing board.

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Faculty Development & Continuing Medical Education

Medical Education Day Returns February 6

The [Sixteenth Annual Medical Education Day](#), hosted by the Academy of Distinguished Medical Educators, will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025. The day will feature oral presentations, a poster session, and a keynote address from [Martin V. Pusic, MD, PhD](#). Pusic, an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine at Harvard and Director of the American Board of Medical Specialties Research & Education Foundation, will present his lecture "Artificial Intelligence and the New Digital Landscape: What are the implications for Health



Professions Educators?" at noon in BSLC 115 and on Zoom. [Virtual participants can register here.](#)

[View the full Medical Education Day Schedule here.](#)



Dr. Alicia Fernandez of UCSF to Serve as AQA Visiting Professor

As part of the 2025 Alpha Omega Alpha Visiting Professorship, [Alicia Fernandez, MD](#), will present a Grand Rounds lecture on **Tuesday, February 25 at noon in P-117 and virtually.**

Dr. Fernandez is a Professor of Medicine at University of California-San Francisco and Associate Dean of Population Health and Health Equity for the UCSF School of Medicine. Her research focuses on language and literacy barriers in healthcare, health equity in chronic disease, and racism in medicine. Dr. Fernandez serves on the Board of Directors of the American Board of Internal Medicine and was recently elected to the National Academy of Medicine.

The Chicago Principles at Ten Years

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Report of the Committee on Freedom of Expression (known as the Chicago Principles), a framework that has since been adopted at more than 100 colleges and universities nationwide as they seek to uphold free inquiry and expression in academia. The Chicago Forum will host "The Chicago Principles at Ten Years: University Free Expression Then, Now, and Tomorrow" on **Friday, January 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the Rubenstein Forum. Attendees can join in-person or virtually for various sessions. [Learn more and register here.](#)

New AI in Medicine Page Launched

As the presence of artificial intelligence (AI) continues to grow within the field of medicine, CME has published a webpage of CME events and educational modules (many are free) to help meet increasing demand for education on the topic and to assist healthcare professionals in navigating the transformative change AI brings. [Visit the new AI in Medicine page here.](#)

Simulation

Dr. Jani and UChicago/Endeavor Faculty Featured in Special Sim Issue

Congratulations to UChicago Pediatrics Faculty and alumni for their contribution in a special series on Simulation in the November issue of Pediatric Annals. The journal with editorial leadership by UChicago's Lolita Alcocer, MD, features articles by Anna McCormick, DO (Pediatric Critical Care) and Daphne Vander Roest, MD (former Comer Children's hospital Resident and Chief Resident), along with guest editorial by Priti Jani, MD, Faculty Director of Simulation at UCM, and Bridget Wild, MD, Director of Medical Simulation at the Grainger Center for Simulation and Innovation (GCSI) at Endeavor "[Simulation and the Evolution of Medical Education: A Method for Lifelong Learning.](#)"

The series is an important one highlighting the opportunities to leverage simulation to "fortify pediatric health care education and the systems that care for children," address inequity in healthcare and connect with communities to bolster a shrinking workforce. [View the complete table of contents here.](#)

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