

AMSA Meeting Minutes – October 23th, 2007



** We had a great turnout at the last meeting! Thanks to everyone who came! **

1. Speaker

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- a. Key issues to keep in mind when applying to medical school:
 - i. Extracurricular Activities
 - ii. Interview
 - iii. Letter of Recommendations
 - iv. GPA & MCAT scores
 - b. Feel free to email WSU School of Medicine Office of Admissions at admissions@med.wayne.edu
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- ### 2. Habitat for Humanity – 3 points
- a. Saturday, October 27th
 - b. 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 - c. Sign up online at <http://www.amsa.wayne.edu/> under 'Forums'
 - d. Email habitat@wayne.edu if you have any questions
 - e. When you arrive at the build, make sure you sign in with the AMSA attendance committee chairs
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- ### 3. Greening of Detroit – 3 points
- a. Saturday, November 3rd - 9:00 AM
 - Volunteers will be planting 100 trees along the streets and medians in the Seven Mile and Livernois Area
 - b. Saturday, November 17th - 9:00 AM
 - Volunteers will be planting 130 trees in East English Village
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- ### 4. Bag of Dreams – Make a Wish Foundation – 1 point per 30 minutes (up to 4 points)
- a. If you haven't signed up already, you can volunteer during any 30-minute block. Make sure you sign in if you volunteer.
 - b. October 30th (Tuesday) – November 2nd (Friday)
 - c. 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM → Sign up for a 30 minute shift
 - d. ** We have no volunteers for Wednesday, October 31st from 10:00 – 10:30 AM, so please try to volunteer then!
 - e. Volunteers sit at a table outside of McDonald's and collect toys
 - f. Members can donate toys – 1 point per toy (up to 5 points)
 - We will only be accepting toys **next week** during the drop-off times specified above
 - Acceptable donations include: new toys, stickers, hand-held video games, journals, store gift cards, phone cards, disposable cameras etc. We especially need small gifts for teenagers & boys of all ages.

5. Kaplan Mock MCAT – 2 points
 - a. Saturday, October 27th
 - b. 1:00 PM – 4:45 PM
 - c. Basement of the International Institute of Metro Detroit
 - i. 111 E Kirby Street, Detroit, MI 48202
 - ii. It is walking distance from campus
 - d. You **must** pre-register on www.kaptest.com/practice or by calling 1-800-KAP-TEST
 - e. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Nielsen at Dave.Nielsen@kaplan.com

 6. Spina Bifida Conference Volunteering – 3 points
 - a. Saturday, November 17, 2007
 - b. This event will last all day
 - c. Livonia Marriott Hotel (I-275 and 6 Mile Road, connected to Laurel Park Mall)
 - d. Volunteers entertain children while their parents attend the conference
 - i. Crafts, games, scavenger hunt, there will be a magician, etc.
 - ii. If you have day camp/child care experience, this event would be perfect for you!
 - e. If you are committed to volunteering at this event for the **entire** day or if you have any questions, please email Shivani at at6866@wayne.edu

 7. WSU Graduate School Open House
 - a. Thursday, October 25, 2007
 - b. 3:00 – 7:00 PM
 - c. Lobby of the Welcome Center (corner of Warren and Woodward)
 - d. If you want to apply to a graduate program at Wayne State, you are invited to apply online for the Winter 2008 term, the Spring/Summer 2008 term, or the Fall 2008 term.
 - e. Submit your application at <https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=wayne-grad>
 - f. If you would like to qualify for an application fee waiver (\$50), you must submit your online application before going to the Open House. Proceed through the application submission without making the fee payment. Then print a copy of the submitted application and bring it with you to the Open House.

 8. UNO Tournaments – 2 points
 - a. Volunteering in a playroom at Children’s Hospital
 - b. 3:00 – 4:30 PM
 - c. Four AMSA members per visit
 - d. Sign up on our website at <http://www.amsa.wayne.edu/> under ‘Forums’. Do not sign up unless there is a **new forum** for that particular date. The forum for November 8th volunteering will be up this Thursday (October 25th).
 - e. Members who haven’t volunteered before get priority!
- ** For those of you volunteering tomorrow, meet Sonia in the Children’s Hospital lobby

9. Providence Hospital Shadowing

- a. We will be getting the shadowing schedule soon
- b. Those of you who signed up for shadowing will be informed once we receive the schedule

10. Cass Clinic

- a. Takes place every Saturday from 9:30 – 12 pm except the third Saturday of the month
- b. For more information and to sign up go to the Cass Clinic website: <http://www.med.wayne.edu/cassclinic/>
- c. Go the 'comments' section and put 'WSU AMSA' & the day you want to volunteer in the comment box as well as your name and email

11. Children's Hospital Toy Drive – for UNO tournaments

- a. Each toy you donate is worth 1 point (up to 5 points)
- b. Toy Drive is all year long

12. Ideas for Events / Suggestions

- a. We have made a forum on our website for any ideas you may have
- b. **Please** make suggestions; we would love to hear from you!

13. Next Meeting

- a. Our next meeting is on **NOVEMBER 6TH**
- b. 4:00 PM
- c. It will be held in the UGL Community Room (3rd floor)

** Reminder:

- To be an active member, you must attend 2 of the following events:
 - Walk for Autism (was on September 30th)
 - HealthFocus Conference (was on October 6th)
 - Greening of Detroit (November 3rd)
 - Greening of Detroit (November 17th)
- **If you have any questions about your AMSA points, email amsapoints@gmail.com**