

August 16, 2017

Subject: Invitation to Medical Student Research Day, September 28, 2017

Dear Medical Students:

The Alpha Omega Alpha Honor (AOA) Medical Society and the Office of Student Research in the Dean's Office cordially invites all medical students to the **40th Annual Medical Student Research Day (MSRD)** to be held on **Thursday, September 28, 2017** in the Bressler Research Building (BRB) and the Medical School Teaching Facility (MSTF). Medical Student Research Day is a proud tradition at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. We invite current Medical Students who have completed at least one year of medical school to present their research achievements during medical school in either oral presentation or poster presentation format. Presentations will be judged, and awards and monetary prizes will be given in recognition of outstanding research presentations.

Please join us during lunch for the **keynote address** that will be given by **Kerri A. Thom, M.D., M.S.**, Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, Assistant Dean for Student Research and Education, and Director of the Office of Student Research. Dr. Thom also serves as one of the Associate Hospital Epidemiologists at the University of Maryland Medical Center and is active in teaching interprofessional learners in patient safety, quality improvement and healthcare epidemiology. **We invite you to also join us at the awards banquet to celebrate** your research achievements, your participation in MSRD, and the honored awardees. Please come and support your fellow medical students, peruse the wide range of research, and enjoy the festivities.

Presentation registration for MSRD is due by August 25. Detailed information including eligibility and presentation registration can be found in the "Presentation Registration" document. **Abstract submission** for registered presentations will **open on August 21 and close on September 14**. Detailed instructions for abstract submission and procedures for presenting at MSRD will be available soon. **Please note that prizes will be conveyed only to those awardees that are present at the awards banquet.**

All are welcome to attend MSRD. Please feel free to extend the invitation to your faculty mentors and other research colleagues. The event begins at noon with the keynote address, and presentation sessions will end by 5:30 p.m., followed by the awards banquet. Please respond through the [RSVP Form](#) by September 21, 2017 if plan to attend the event.

Questions regarding MSRD can be submitted through the [Ask MSRD Form](#).

Sincerely,

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