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Thank you for subscribing to "PPOVA Updates," a service that provides updates about opportunities posted on Virginia's FREE healthcare recruitment website, [Primary Practice Opportunities of Virginia](#).

Current Opportunities

For a list of current opportunities in Virginia, please [visit our page on 3RNet](#). We currently have 59 opportunities listed in Virginia.

Upcoming Events

May 20

[Partnering for Quality - Health Care Summit](#)

May 27

[The Foundations of Case Management](#)

[View more events on our calendar](#)

Recruitment and Retention Collaborative Team Updates

National Health Service Corp Programs

The Division of Application and Awards (DAA) will be accepting Scholarship/Loan Repayment applications under the American Recovery Reinvestment Act funding cycle. The ARRA application cycle will start June 2, 2009 and will end September 30, 2010. The application review process will be ongoing until ARRA funds run out.

Save the Date: Health Equity Conference, September 10-11

Please save the date for the Health Equity Conference that will take place from September 10-11 in Richmond, Virginia. Following are links to more information about the conference:

- [Save the Date](#)
- [Sponsorship Packet](#)
- [Agenda](#)

We encourage you to share this information with your constituents and colleagues.

The conference planning committee is also seeking funding for sponsorship. Please direct any questions about sponsorship to Cecilia Barbosa (cecilia.barbosa@vapha.org).

Bioterrorism and Disaster Training Program at VCOM
The Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine

(VCOM) held its annual "Bioterrorism and Disaster Training Program." This event, held at VCOM's Blacksburg campus, was designed to prepare students for manmade or natural disasters.

Coordinated by Dr. James R. Palmieri, Ph.D., this 2 day event featured guest speakers as well as training from various first responders including military, Virginia Tech police, S.W.A.T., EMS, and local media.



The 160 medical students experienced a "mock disaster" on the lawn of VCOM's main building. Student Doctors were "informed" that an explosive device had detonated in a large crowd of people during a concert, and that VCOM students were the first ones on the scene. Over the course of 90 minutes, these students were tasked with coordinating triage stations, communicating with local authorities, and determining casualty priority, as over 35 actors and mannequins served as patients. To make the entire exercise even more authentic, ambulances and police vehicles were on the scene, giving the student doctors valuable experience in a real world scenario.

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VCOM in US News and World Report

VCOM was named in the [top ten nationally by US News and World Report related to "Which schools turn out the most primary care residents?"](#)

Save the Date - The Healthcare Workforce Crisis: A Summit on the Future of Primary Care in Rural and Urban America
August 10-12, 2009
Washington, DC

Plan now to attend the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration's national meeting on the future of Primary Care Workforce in rural and urban America, to be held August 10-12, 2009 in Washington, DC. This meeting is designed to provide a forum for experts to present and discuss ideas about primary care

to generate new and innovative ideas about primary care workforce issues and potential solutions for rural and urban underserved communities and to bring together stakeholders to share best practices and strategies for future action. Participants at this meeting will include health care organizations, associations, providers, state officials and academic health centers interested in the primary health care workforce in rural and urban communities.

For further information please visit www.team-psa.com/workforcesummit2009

Nursing Scholarships Now Available

The Virginia Department of Health is now administering three nursing scholarship programs (LPNs, RNs and NP/NMWs). Interested candidates may refer to the [Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy's Incentives Programs website](#) for details and an application.

Virginia's Loan Repayment Program is Now Closed

The Virginia Department of Health has closed its application process for the 2009 Loan Repayment Programs. With minimum funding available, the Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy will be able to make awards to primary care practitioners by June 30, 2009. [For program updates, please visit our website.](#)

2009 Faculty Loan Repayment Program

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service is pleased to announce that it is seeking applicants for the 2009 Faculty Loan Repayment Program.

The Faculty Loan Repayment Program provides a financial incentive for degree-trained health professionals from disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue academic careers. Individuals selected agree to serve on the faculty of an accredited health professions college or university for a minimum of two years.

In return, the Federal government agrees to pay, for each year of faculty service, up to \$20,000 of the outstanding principal and interest on the participant's educational loans. To learn more about the Faculty Loan Repayment Program and for application information, please visit <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/flrp/> or contact the HRSA Call Center at (800) 221-9393.

VCOM Student Elected to National Position with the National Student National Medical Association in International Affairs

Congratulations to Ariana Burgess who was elected as the National Student National Medical Association (SNMA) International Affairs Co-Chair DO Candidate.

The Student National Medical Association is the nation's oldest and largest independent, student-run organization focused on the needs and concerns of medical students of color.

Membership includes more than 8,000 medical students, pre-medical students, residents and physicians. SNMA is dedicated both to ensuring culturally sensitive medical education and services, as well as increasing the number of African-American, Latino and other students of color entering and completing medical school.

The Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine provides medical education and research that prepares globally minded, community-focused physicians to improve the health of those most in need. Around the world, VCOM partners with many organizations to improve the well being of a community as well as providing physical and mental health care needs. These are the partnerships that lead to sustainable change.

VCOM students and faculty provide year round clinics in El Salvador, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic. The work in the Dominican Republic was recognized as part of the Clinton Global Initiative. Guatemala is VCOM's next frontier. For more information about VCOM's international initiatives please visit <http://www.vcom.vt.edu/outreach/>.

Classical Conversations Group Travels to Blacksburg for an Extraordinary Outreach Anatomy Lab

The Classical Conversations Groups from Roanoke, Botetourt, Rockbridge, and Christiansburg traveled to the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine on Wednesday, May 6 to attend an Outreach Anatomy program. Classical Conversations is a nationwide network of classical, Christian communities providing college preparatory academic programs, events, and services to local home school communities, parents, and educators. The group of 43 students, ranging in age from 9 to 16, and 15 parents were greeted by Mr. Robby Hudson, the Director of Human Resources, who welcomed them to the school and requested that they "enjoy their day and not be afraid to ask questions."

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