Prehealth Student Organizations

**Rebecca Lee Pre-Health Society**

**Description:** Open to any SU student who has an interest in a health profession as a career goal, regardless of that student's current major. This organization is a branch of the Students National Medical Association (SNMA), and often collaborates on events and programs with SUNY Upstate Medical University, community service projects, mentoring from medical students, the availability of MCAT/GRE preparation workshops, and, most importantly, the advice and support of fellow Rebecca Lee members. The society is named for Rebecca Lee Crumpler, the first African American woman to earn an M.D. degree, who graduated from New England Female Medical College in 1864.

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**Facebook Name:** Rebecca Lee Pre-Health Society

**American Medical Student Association (AMSA)**

**Description:** This organization is a student run organization benefitting Pre- Med students attending Syracuse University. Specifically we inform students of various opportunities that are available on campus and off. This group is meant to help students gain knowledge about the requirements that make you the best candidate for medical school. Also, to help accomplish these requirements through various activities, such as bring in doctors for talks, field trips, community service, and research opportunities... among other things. Lastly, to meet other pre-med students with the little time we have away from our books. JOIN!

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**Facebook Name:** American Medical Student Association (AMSA) Syracuse University chapter

**Shadows of Health (SOH)**

**Description:** Our mission is to provide SU/ESF undergraduates with education and experience in the health field by coordinating shadowing opportunities between students and local health-professionals. Currently, we are placing students with health professionals at Crouse Hospital to gain some insight into one of the 20+ departments that work with SoH. We also offering shadowing positions with veterinarians and dentists. SoH arranges for health professionals to speak at our meetings; the opportunity to fundraise for a local health charity - The Ronald McDonald House of CNY; volunteer with an elementary school to coordinate their annual science fair. A new mentoring program is also in its pilot stages for the fall of 2010.

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**Facebook Name:** Shadows of Health

**Global Brigades/Global Medical Brigades (GMB)**

**Description:** GMB is part of Global Brigades, which includes dental, clean water, microenterprise, law (human rights advocacy), public health and architecture. This multi-disciplinary approach offers our communities a holistic model for strategic development. Our mission is to provide sustained healthcare relief to underserved communities throughout the world. Along with affiliate groups at other distinguished universities, our SU team recruits student volunteers and medical professionals, gathers medicines and supplies, and travels overseas to perform medical brigades.

**Contact:** Global Brigades at Syracuse University
New Life Volunteering Society (NLVS)

**Description:** A secular, non-profit organization whose mission is to serve those in need through health care, community service, and education. NLVS steers its focus towards four specific groups: the hungry, the homeless, the mentally and physically disabled and underprivileged children.

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For The Animals (FTA)

**Description:** An organization that is focused on helping all pre-veterinary students in reaching their goal of becoming a veterinarian. We engage our members in animal related volunteer programs and offer advice with academics and veterinary school applications.

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**Facebook Name:** For the Animals!

Society of Public Health Education (SOPHE)

**Description:** An organization devoted to providing health education and resources to SU campus and surrounding community. Our goal is to promote healthy lifestyles and physical well-being through educational programs and volunteering. We frequently collaborate with many other student organizations and give our members the opportunity to implement their ideas into actual events for their development in leadership. The SOPHE mission: 1. Promotes health and wellness among students and the Syracuse community, 2. Provides leadership in health related education, and 3. Educates on public awareness and healthy practices.

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**Facebook Name:** S.O.P.H.E

Nutrition Education and Promotion Association (NEPA)

**Description:** Our mission is to promote nutrition and health among the SU campus as well as the Syracuse community. We have participated in a number of tabling events on campus as well as community events such as food drives for local families during the Holidays and fundraising events for the American Diabetes Association. Annually we sponsor a Registered Dietitian to speak on campus. Recently, members created and sold cookbooks including their favorite nutritious recipes. Anyone can join this organization, regardless of major or concentration. We encourage anyone interested in nutrition or health to join. Meetings are held monthly.

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Operation Smile @ SU

**Description:** Devoted to raising awareness for the worldwide children’s medical charity Operation Smile. Goals include holding fundraisers, raising awareness of the organization throughout the Syracuse community, and helping members become involved in the national organization. Operation Smile – “Changing Lives One Smile at aTime.”

**Facebook Name:** Operation Smile Syracuse University Club

SU Ambulance (SUA)

**Description:** Operating on campus since 1973, SUA is a SU Health Services-based student organization that responds to over 1,500 medical emergencies each year, providing basic life support, transport, rapid cardiac defibrillation as well as non-emergency medical transportation. SUA operates two full time ambulances in addition to a first responder SUV, mass casualty incident trailer and four medical support vans. SUA consists of about 70 members. Most members become Emergency Medical Technicians and there is a well-structured training program that allows interested candidates to join with no experience required. SUA provides emergency and non-emergency services 24-hours a day, 7-days a week during the academic school year and is funded by a portion of the student health fee.

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**Facebook Name:** Syracuse University Ambulance

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