

THIS MONTH IN STUDENT LIFE
JANUARY 2018



We hope everyone had a wonderful break. As we welcome the start of a new term and a new year, there are a number of exciting developments we would like to share with you . . .

NEW DOCTORAL PROGRAM - DOCTOR OF ACUPUNCTURE AND INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE

We have heard back from ACAOM about our doctoral program proposal. Their review process has been completed and they have asked for a few minor clarifications/revisions which the admin team has been working on diligently to complete in early January 2018. We are on track for rolling out the program next year, pending their final approval.

NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH UCSF BENIOFF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, OAKLAND

Our Clinic Director, Joyce Kwok, and Academic Chairperson, Nishanga Bliss, had a very exciting and promising meeting with a Faculty Scholar and a leading Physician at UCSF Children's Hospital, Oakland to develop "Aim for Well Being" - a series of Oriental Medicine Education Seminars and community acupuncture style staff service at the hospital. This project has future potential to develop into inpatient integrative medicine clinical experience for AIMC students.

EXTERNSHIP SITE AT UCSF BENIOFF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, MISSION BAY

We have heard back from UCSF management and been informed that the team in charge of this project had been under transition to new members. Our project, "Care for caregivers," will be reviewed by the new team. We will be keeping in touch with them to resume the project.

EXTERNSHIP DEVELOPMENTS AT JOHN MUIR HOSPITAL

AIMC has been approached by John Muir Hospital to discuss a possible student externship to provide staff wellness and potentially serve their lower income, under-served public.

NEW HERB TEACHER

Our Academic Leadership Committee has interviewed a promising candidate, Michael Fitzgerald, for Substitute Clinic Supervisor and potentially for Clinic Supervisor and Didactic Instructor. The next step in the interview process will be a 45 minute teaching demonstration on February 14, 2018 at 12:15pm to 1:00pm. (Room TBD). Students are invited to join the faculty and staff for this event. Your student feedback will be very much appreciated. Rumor has it that special snacks will be served at this session.

COURSE EVALUATIONS

Thank you for your invaluable feedback on the course evaluations. The paper forms had a much better response rate than usual! The Academic Chairperson, Nishanga Bliss, is reviewing them over the break. The results will be shared with the student body.

COMMUNITY TEA

Due to student requests and positive responses from the last tea, there will be another Community Tea in mid-February. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to get updates on the above developments, as well as any new changes that may be coming. It is also a chance for students, faculty and the administration to dialogue about any AIMC-related concerns, issues, or suggestions. Keep an eye out for an email with further details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & IMPORTANT DATES



FINANCIAL AID VISIT

On Tuesday 1/30, our Financial Aid Director, Victoria Labrador will be back on campus from 2:00pm to 4:30pm to take care of some administrative tasks, but will also be able to meet with student who have Financial Aid questions or concerns. Meetings will be strictly on a drop-in basis. Not appointment needed.

Tues, Jan 30th. 2:00-4:30. Administrative Area

ADMIN SERVICE EVALUATION

The President's Survey of the quality of student services by AIMC administration will be distributed shortly. Please lend your voice & provide feedback for the betterment of services provided to our students. When a response rate of 70% is reached, a special sushi lunch will be served by President Tanaka

CLINICAL ADVISING

Beginning this term, all clinic interns will meet individually with Clinic Director, Joyce Kwok, to review their clinical progress and discuss their skill development. Starting in week two, students can reserve a 15 minute slot on the sign-up sheet outside of Joyce's office. Alternative meetings can also be arranged for those who cannot make the times listed on the sign-up sheet.

Starting Monday, January 15th. Joyce's Office

ADD/DROP DEADLINE

Last Day to drop for a full tuition refund & no record on transcript.

Last Day to add a Class for the Spring 2018 term

Thursday, January 18th. Registrar

SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

You can make changes to your Spring 2018 schedule through the portal (and paper form) until the end of week two, January 19th.

Friday, January 19th. Student Portal

TEXTBOOKS

The Textbooks for Spring classes can be found [here](https://www.aimc.edu/so/cM33BsqP/click?w=LS0tDQo5ZTRhMzlmZC1iYmU4LTQxM2YtMjUwMC1INWM1NGY1YzdjN2QNCmh0dHBzOi8vZG9jcy53aXhzdGF0aWMuY29tL3VnZC85MWFhYjZjZjVhYjI0N2FkNGlwnjgwMzMxZGI4ZTQ4NDA2YmQucGRmDQotLS0). (https://www.aimc.edu/so/cM33BsqP/click?w=LS0tDQo5ZTRhMzlmZC1iYmU4LTQxM2YtMjUwMC1INWM1NGY1YzdjN2QNCmh0dHBzOi8vZG9jcy53aXhzdGF0aWMuY29tL3VnZC85MWFhYjZjZjVhYjI0N2FkNGlwnjgwMzMxZGI4ZTQ4NDA2YmQucGRmDQotLS0)

FINAL GRADES

Final grades are now available on the [Student Portal](https://www.aimc.edu/so/cM33BsqP/click?w=LS0tDQo5ZTRhMzlmZC1iYmU4LTQxM2YtMjUwMC1INWM1NGY1YzdjN2QNCmh0dHBzOi8vY2VjdXJlNdiYmNvbM5lY3RncmFkcHJvLmNvbS9haW1jL2F1dGhIbnRpY2F0ZS5waHANCi0tLQ). (https://www.aimc.edu/so/cM33BsqP/click?w=LS0tDQo5ZTRhMzlmZC1iYmU4LTQxM2YtMjUwMC1INWM1NGY1YzdjN2QNCmh0dHBzOi8vY2VjdXJlNdiYmNvbM5lY3RncmFkcHJvLmNvbS9haW1jL2F1dGhIbnRpY2F0ZS5waHANCi0tLQ)

Questions or feedback about this newsletter can be directed to [Robbyn Kawaguchi](#)

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