



## MEDICAL STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### It's VEGAS BABY!!!

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Happy New Year - I hope your 2010 is off to a wonderful start!! 2009 was filled with wonderful experiences for me: SAEM in New Orleans, ACEP in Boston, applying for a residency position, finishing up my clerkships, traveling around the country to interview...it has been quite the year! During my journey, I have met some wonderful and inspirational people and have enjoyed the huge variety of experiences. 2010 holds just as much potential. For those of us finishing up, we are looking forward to futures we have been envisioning since we first received our short white coats. Match Day, graduation (longer coats!), saying goodbye to the friends that got us through some of the tough times and celebrated with us after exams, and meeting our new colleagues when we start our first days of residency. For the third years in the crowd, you are halfway done! Almost "old pros," there is no question that you will survive this challenging year and emerge at the end stronger and wiser...and hopefully more certain that emergency medicine is the right specialty for you. First and second years, I am glad you're taking the time to take a break from the anatomy lab and pathology textbook to read this article. While what I am about to say applies to all medical students, you have the most to gain from it:

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Vegas Baby!!**

What happens in Vegas...at least when it comes to your experiences at this conference...doesn't exactly stay in Vegas. Nor do you want them to. These events are an incredible chance to meet people: medical students, residents, mentors, faculty and program directors.

Sure, everyone will say it is important that you show up at a conference here and there. But without taking full advantage of them, without putting yourself out there and using these incredible opportunities to learn more about emergency medicine, about the issues in our field, about your potential future residency program... you're just another face in the crowd. So I challenge you to come and GO ALL IN!

So here is the deal. I am inviting you to be AAEM/RSA's Valentine's date on February 14th at the Medical Student Track in Las Vegas. I think you should court emergency medicine, take it out for a spin on the dance floor, and see if you feel any sparks. Or, for those students out there who are already in love, come and renew your vows. We will plan it all and ensure there is something for everyone. We will congratulate the schools that have achieved the status of EMIG Select by having 20 or more AAEM/RSA members and encourage you all to become more involved in leadership; either in your school's interest group or nationally with AAEM/RSA and the Medical Student Council! Check out the AAEM/RSA website, Facebook page and emails for more details about scheduled events.

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