Career-Planning Checklist - YEAR 2 - Updated

- **Academics** – top priority
- **Extracurricular Activities**
  - Research – Some specialties strongly recommend research experience while others do not. Consider doing research if you are; interested in continuing research, looking to gain research experience and/or if you are considering a highly competitive specialty.
  - Volunteer, Community Service, Leadership, Teaching etc. - These activities provide enriching experiences that will enhance your residency application by gaining valuable knowledge, skills and experience.

- **Specialty Exploration**
  - Continue to explore and develop career interests in medicine
  - Careers in Medicine (CiM) Exploring Specialties: Complete self-assessments and learn about the many specialty and career paths in medicine
    - Gathering information and clinical exposure to specialties of interest
    - Compare your assessment results to the information you’ve gathered about specialties
  - Attend Career Exploration Programs and Workshops
  - Extracurricular Activities: Provide learning, mentoring, teaching, leadership and career exploration opportunities throughout medical school
  - Student-run Specialty Interest Group Meetings (Department based)
    - Provide: Mentoring and Shadowing Programs, Research Opportunities etc.
  - Career Exploration opportunities can be gained through the Curriculum: learning through your experiences, observations, interactions with clinical faculty (Informational interviewing)

- **Update your CV /MyPortfolio** to include your first year extracurricular and summer experiences
- **Schedule a Career Advising Appointment** with the Director of Career Advising to discuss your interests, develop an individual plan or to get more information about the road ahead - To make an appointment log in to Accudemia with your Drexel user ID (example: abc1234) and password.

**Career Planning Timeline – YEAR 2**

- **December 2019**
  - Clinical Site Fair – December 5th 5:30-7:00 p.m. – immediately following Advisory Program
  - Advisory Program: Thursday, December 5th, 2019, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
    - Year 3 & 4 Student Panel on Scheduling Third Year & Step 1
- **Winter break 2019**
  - Review Step 1 registration instructions
  - Research clinical sites
  - Consider reviewing possible Step 1 resources
- **January 2020**
  - Third Year Lottery - [TENTATIVE LOTTERY TIMELINE – CLASS OF 2022](#)

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- **Dec. 2019 - January 2020**: Target Registration for USMLE Step 1
  - March 25, 2020: Step 1 Self-study begins (DUCOM study time range 5-7 weeks
  - May 2020: Sit for Step 1 exam
  - May 10, 2020: Last possible sit date
- **May 12-22, 2020**
  - Transition to Clinician I: Transition to the Clinical Years
- **May 26, 2020**
  - MS3 Core Clinical Clerkships begin
- **Winter Break 2020 - YEAR 3**
  - Begin reviewing information on Scheduling 4th year and Pathway System
  - Research away rotation requirements
- **January 2021 - YEAR 3**
  - Mandatory Class Meeting – Overview of Year 4 and meet with Pathway Directors

**Upcoming Career Exploration Programs – YEAR 2 (2019-2020)**

- **C.V. Writing Workshops** – December and January (dates to be announced)
- **Watch for Upcoming**-Specialty Interest Group Meetings and Shadowing Opportunities
- **Clinical Site Fair** – December 5th 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- **Advisory Program**- Thursday, December 5, 2019, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- **Career Exploration Program with Alumni** – January 28, 2020, 6:00-8:30 pm
- **The 2019 Match Results...the Road to Residency** – March/April 2020

***You will be notified about all upcoming programs and workshops. Please watch your email and TV Monitor***