



## Heightening Health Care in Grenada



St. George's University graduate Randy Becker and many other physicians have contributed their time and expertise to the Grenada health care system.

Now in its ninth year, 12° North, formerly the Virtual Hospital Program, has invited visiting health care professionals to offer up their time and expertise, working alongside and assisting the resident staff of the General Hospital in Grenada and expanding the range of available health care to Grenadians at no cost.

For 2015, the SGU program continued its strong collaborations with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and hospitals in Grenada, focusing on the regional/global concern of diabetes and hypertension, including the risks of cardiovascular disease, ophthalmology disease, chronic wounds and amputations that follow. In this regard, the physician program has structured many of its clinical programs around the treatment, education, and general support in these key areas, in order to reduce some of the burden on Grenada's public system.

Particularly noteworthy this year was the new **12° NORTH**, continued on page 4

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# Featured AAMP Volunteers



**Anais Alamo, DVM**  
Class of 2015

Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Dr. Alamo is now an associate veterinarian at Banfield Pet Hospital in Pembroke Pines, FL. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, and after three years of study in Grenada, completed her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine with a clinical year at the University of Tennessee. At Banfield, Dr. Alamo enjoys practicing internal medicine as well as surgery. She gives back to her alma mater by participating in area information sessions and the University's frequent veterinary medical webinars.

**Sina Sakian, MD**  
Class of 2015

Dr. Sakian is a first-year family medicine/emergency medicine resident at the University of Toronto, his top-choice program from last March. He graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Science in Cell Biology and Genetics prior to enrolling at SGU, where he was president of the Persian Students Association and a member of the Orphanage Students Organization. During his free time in Toronto, Dr. Sakian has visited with students at area information sessions and assisted with application interviews.



**Jason Malenfant, MD**  
Class of 2014

Dr. Malenfant is a second-year internal medicine resident at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH. Upon completing his residency, he hopes to complete an infectious disease fellowship and pursue a career in international public health. As an AAMP volunteer, Dr. Malenfant has assisted with a wide range of university events, including information sessions, campus career fairs, and chatting with prospective students about his experience at SGU, which he describes as "incredible, both academically and personally."



## 2016 Match Tour on the Horizon

For the third consecutive year, SGU will host its Match Tour at seven cities across the United States, allowing those interested in attending medical school to meet one-on-one with some of our newly matched students and recent School of Medicine graduates.

If you are interested in assisting with a Match Tour event in your area, call Betsy Mills at (631) 665-8500 ext. 9 1213 or via e-mail at [bmills@sgu.edu](mailto:bmills@sgu.edu).

### 2016 Match Tour Schedule

March 29	New York
March 31	Ann Arbor
April 6	Chicago
April 7	Los Angeles
April 13	Fort Lauderdale
April 14	Houston
April 16	San Francisco

## SO YOU WANT TO BE AN AAMP MEMBER...

With the **Alumni Admission Mentor Program (AAMP)**, St. George's University graduates can connect with prospective students in a variety of ways. We would welcome your assistance whenever and however you're available. But you may be thinking...

### My schedule is very busy.

We understand! If you can't make it to any of our scheduled events, there are several other opportunities to get involved, ranging from university visits and college fairs to welcome sessions and information sessions in select cities.

### I don't see any events near me.

The event list is *always* developing, so check [sgu.edu/infosession](http://sgu.edu/infosession) for cities and dates as these sessions

are confirmed. Also, on their own time, we encourage grads to meet with prehealth advisors and/or premedicine clubs at area colleges.

### I don't like to speak in public.

No worries. SOM and SVM webinars are held throughout the year and allow you to connect with students that way. We also invite you to submit your contact information and biography to our Alumni Volunteer

Directory, connecting you with colleagues and prospective students in your area.

### I'm ready! How can I help?

Great! Upcoming info sessions are listed on the back of this newsletter. Call Betsy Mills at (800) 899-6337 ext. 9 1213, outside the US and Canada at +1 (631) 665-8500 ext. 9 1213, or via e-mail at [bmills@sgu.edu](mailto:bmills@sgu.edu) and let her know how you'd like to help!



The newest CityDoctors scholarship recipients assembled at a ceremony in New York City in January.

## \$1.8M in CityDoctors Scholarships Awarded

In January, NYC Health + Hospitals President Dr. Ram Raju announced 17 students who, under the CityDoctors scholarship program, will receive scholarships totaling \$1.8 million to attend SGU. In return, the students have committed to give back to their communities by practicing primary care medicine in NYC's public health system after completing their medical educations.

CityDoctors was launched in 2012 to help address the shortage of primary care physicians and to increase educational and career opportunities for local youth. The scholarship recipients are selected based on their academic excellence and financial need, and will receive either partial or full scholarships to pay for medical school tuition for up to four years, with some scholarships valued at more than

\$200,000 each.

To date, the program has helped 82 students from in and around NYC attend medical school on the equivalent of 38 full scholarships, and, in return, 152 years of needed primary care services have been committed to NYC's health care system. In total, more than \$11 million in medical school scholarships are expected to be awarded under CityDoctors.

To be eligible for a CityDoctors scholarship, students must fulfill all the requirements to be accepted to medical school and also meet at least one of the following criteria: graduated from a NYC high school; have five years of residency in NYC; have a parent employed by NYC Health + Hospitals or the City of New York; or be employed themselves by NYC Health + Hospitals or the City of New York for at least five years.

*"Let each become all that he was created capable of being."*

– Thomas Carlyle



## Message from the AAMP Coordinator

First and foremost, Happy New Year to the entire SGU family. It's a new year with new beginnings and new goals. We wish you nothing but the best for you and your family in 2016.

In AAMP, our mission remains the same—to welcome the best and brightest students to SGU. We have much to offer, and know that around the world, there are many qualified individuals who can say the same.

That's why we are once again spanning the globe this spring, beginning in Canada and routing through four continents. We are also excited about this year's Match Tour. Every March, hundreds of SGU students and graduates take the next step in their careers through or outside the Match. At our Match events, it is wonderful to connect them with prospective students who hope to be in the same position not too far down the road.

We and the students who attend our events welcome your perspective on life before, during, and after SGU. You lived it and are living it—your story is invaluable. If you would like to help out with the Match Tour or any of our events, I would be glad to discuss the opportunity with you.

Lastly, we're always interested in learning what our graduates are up to. E-mail me at [bmills@sgu.edu](mailto:bmills@sgu.edu) and let me know the latest, whether it's with your job, your family, or just to say hello.

– Betsy Mills



## Festive Friends

*In December, SGU's School of Medicine Alumni Association welcomed graduates of all ages to the inaugural SGU Alumni Holiday Party at The Delancey in New York City.*

## Spring 2016 Schedule of Events

The schedule for St. George's University's Spring 2016 webinars, information sessions, and Backstage at SGU events are in the works, and SGU graduates are important resources for prospective students. E-mail [bmills@sgu.edu](mailto:bmills@sgu.edu) if you would like to help us attract the best and brightest medical and veterinary medical students to SGU.

2/18	Sacramento, California	3/16	Dublin, Ireland	3/31	Charlotte, North Carolina
2/18	Madison, Wisconsin	3/16	Reno, Nevada	4/6	Chicago, Illinois *
2/23	New York, New York	3/20	Toronto, Ontario *	4/7	Los Angeles, California *
2/24	Austin, Texas	3/22	Jacksonville, Florida	4/13	Fort Lauderdale, Florida *
2/24	Tucson, Arizona	3/22	Salt Lake City, Utah	4/13	Boston, Massachusetts
2/25	Dayton, Ohio	3/22	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	4/14	Houston, Texas *
2/25	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	3/22	Montreal, Quebec	4/14	Kansas City, Missouri
2/25	Vancouver, British Columbia	3/23	Edmonton, Alberta	4/16	San Francisco, California *
2/28	Mississauga, Ontario	3/24	Calgary, Alberta	4/21	Des Moines, Iowa
3/2	Atlanta, Georgia	3/24	Princeton, New Jersey	4/28	Tampa, Florida
3/10	Indianapolis, Indiana	3/28	Boston, Massachusetts	6/1	Denver, Colorado
3/10	San Diego, California	3/29	New York, New York *	* 2016 Match Tour	
3/15	London, England	3/31	Ann Arbor, Michigan *		

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### Register for March's Workplace Safety CE

St. George's University will hold a Veterinary Continuing Education (CE) course titled "Workplace Safety: A Guide to Achieve Higher Standards" on March 18 and 19 in True Blue.

The course will be hosted by Nicholas Dillon, MAED, an authorized Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) instructor and Adjunct Instructor at Waukesha County Technical College in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

For more information on the course, visit [sgu.edu/vetce](http://sgu.edu/vetce) or contact Dr. Gregory Wybern at (473) 444-4175 ext. 3859 or [gwybern@sgu.edu](mailto:gwybern@sgu.edu).

### 12° North Program Delivers Quality Health Care

**12° NORTH**, *continued from page 1* collaboration with the LIG Global Foundation—a philanthropic team of physicians and an affiliate of the program—to develop a wound care and limb preservation center of excellence. Its aim is to work with the community health centers to reduce Grenada's rate of amputations and improve the quality of life of those afflicted by chronic ulcers and wounds. This new collaboration led to an increase in the wound care clinic schedule from having two clinics a year to almost monthly clinics being provided, at an estimated value of \$30,000USD (\$41,600EC).

Additionally, SGU has commenced the Medical Doctors Volunteer Program, in which doctors in academic positions are able to volunteer to do weekend and extra hours at the nation's hospital. This initiative has provided much needed support to clinicians at both hospitals. So far, approximately 25 SGU physicians have paid to be registered to be eligible to volunteer with further support expected in 2016.

Through 12° North, visiting specialists have also donated more than half a million US dollars worth of pharmaceuticals, supplies, and equipment. Dr. Mark Lanzieri and his team worked with the MOH to ensure the acquisition of the aforementioned cath lab to the general hospital came to fruition, performing angiography and Grenada's first stent at the hospital. The addition is valued at more than \$300,000USD and will reduce the financial burden to the people of Grenada and the Ministry of Health.

Similarly, Dr. Randy Becker, MD SGU '00 and his team have provided radiology support and training in sonography and radiography for hospital technicians. Valued at approximately \$10,000USD, they have garnered donations in excess of \$30,000USD. Dr. Becker and his team have pledged to set up the Picture and Archiving Systems to electronically connect the General Hospital with Princess Alice Hospital, facilitating the transmission and receipt of radiology, valued at approximately \$200,000.00EC.