

About this Directory

The *Student Organization Directory* is intended to be a comprehensive guide for the members of the Jefferson community interested in participating in campus activities. The goal of the *Student Organization Directory* is to provide listings for every club, committee, group and organization on campus. However, the editors acknowledge that there are probable omissions.

We hope that this 8th edition of the *Student Organization Directory* will correct any oversights in the previous edition. Therefore, if your organization is not included in the following pages, please complete the *Student Organization Directory* Submission Form on the *Student Organization Link* on PULSE. Please help make the *Student Organization Directory* as comprehensive as possible.

Using the *Student Organization Directory*

All organizations are listed alphabetically. Please refer to the Table of Contents for specific listings. Indices at the rear of the directory list groups by school affiliation and category. Readers are encouraged to peruse the *Student Organization Directory* and call or write to the appropriate contact person if any listings interest them.

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The purpose of the Activities Office Advisory Committee is to recommend and plan events, programs, co-curricular classes and ticket sales for the entire Jefferson campus community. The Activities Office Advisory Committee also provides financial assistance to student organizations through an annual budget process, emergency funding, and alcohol-free programming grants.

The Activities Office Advisory Committee has been in existence for five years. There are no dues or fees.

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Established in 1975, the Alpha Eta Society is the national scholastic honor society for the allied health professions, consisting of approximately 12,000 members at 62 chapters in colleges and universities nationwide. Its purpose is to promote and recognize significant scholarship, leadership and contributions to nursing and the allied health professions.

Student Candidates must:

- be enrolled in the last year of their academic program.
- have achieved, as of the Fall Semester of their last year, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 in undergraduate degree programs or post-baccalaureate certificate programs; or a 3.80 in graduate degree or post-master's degree certificate programs.
- submit a current resume and a one-page typed statement of capacity for leadership and achievement in their chosen health field.
- provide a letter of support from a Jefferson School of Nursing or Jefferson School of Health Professions faculty member.

The Society sponsors the Alpha Eta Book Award, a monetary award given at the annual induction ceremony in May based on academic achievement and leadership qualities.

The Thomas Jefferson University chapter of the Alpha Eta Honor Society has been in existence for more than 20 years. Annual dues are \$15.

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Founded in 1902, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society has chapters at more than 125 medical schools in the United States and Canada. The Jefferson Chapter, Pennsylvania Alpha, was founded in 1903, the fifth to be chartered and the first to be established on the East Coast. The Jefferson Chapter strives to provide and foster leadership and to role model excellence and active involvement in community services by medical students and physicians through sponsorship of about 30 educational and service projects at Jefferson and in the community. The Chapter has become one of the most active and productive in the nation. All students, not just those in AΩA, may participate in and benefit from the projects.

As established by the national organization constitution, each chapter may select one-sixth of each class among academically eligible (top quartile GPA) junior and senior students, based upon academic, leadership, compassion, fairness, integrity and service criteria. Several house staff, faculty and alumni also may be elected to membership by the chapter each year.

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Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society

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The Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society was founded in 1945-46 by Dr. Rollin B. Posey, former Dean of University College at Northwestern University, to recognize and encourage adult students' scholastic achievement in continuing higher education programs while fulfilling the many responsibilities of family, work and community service. Membership is restricted to matriculated students in associate and baccalaureate degree programs offered through the Department of General Studies of the Jefferson School of Health Professions who have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours; have achieved a grade point average of 3.2; and rank in the highest 10 percent of all eligible students.

To those re-entering the academic environment, *Alpha Sigma Lambda* acts as an inspiration toward academic achievement while providing its members an opportunity to associate with similarly motivated students. The induction ceremony is held at Class Night ceremonies each May.

The Eta Tau chapter has been on Jefferson's campus for 17 years.

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Jefferson Medical College Ambassadors

(Open to all Jefferson Medical College students)

The purpose of the Jefferson Medical College Ambassadors is to provide informative tours to prospective medical students, returning alumni and special guests.

The Ambassadors hold two or three organizational meetings per year. Members are trained to provide campus tours and then added to the tour schedule depending on availability.

The Jefferson Medical College Ambassadors have been in existence for seven years.

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The AMA is the voice of the American medical profession. From tobacco to adolescent care, Medicare to AIDS, student loans to medical liability; the AMA speaks out on issues important to patients and the nation's health. The membership decides AMA policy on these issues through a democratic process in the AMA House of Delegates, which meets twice a year. The House includes Physician Delegates and Medical Student Delegates from all 50 states.

With more than 500 Jefferson students, the Jefferson Chapter is the largest student organization on campus. Members travel throughout the country to participate in AMA business meetings and charitable programs, and many have been elected to national, state and county positions in the AMA. Members also perform a variety of services through student-chaired committees. Recent events have included blood drives, cholesterol screenings, food and clothing collections, observation sessions in medicine and surgery, and legislative lobbying trips to Harrisburg, PA and Washington, DC, where members have met with senators, representatives and lobbyists to discuss solutions to problems facing patients and the profession.

There is a one-time national membership fee of \$68 for four years or \$20 for one year. Dues include membership in the AMA, Pennsylvania Medical Society, and Philadelphia County Medical Society; subscriptions to *JAMA* and *Pennsylvania Medicine*; a Stedman's Medical Dictionary; and access to the full range of member services described at www.ama-assn.org, www.pamedsoc.org, and www.philamedsoc.org. All members are also invited to attend all AMA and Pennsylvania Medical Society conferences and functions, including the annual meetings.

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The American Medical Student Association (AMSA), with more than a half-century history of medical student activism, is the oldest and largest independent association of physicians-in-training in the United States. AMSA is a student-governed, non-profit organization committed to representing the concerns of physicians-in-training. AMSA is devoted to providing social support for students and fostering a socially conscious attitude toward the medical profession. AMSA focuses on five strategic priorities, including universal healthcare, disparities in medicine, diversity in medicine, leadership development and transforming the culture of medicine. Students who join AMSA have the opportunity to participate in regional and national events all over the country.

The Jefferson Chapter is very active with activities such as regional conference attendance, health screenings, educating the underprivileged about health issues, a city-wide residency fair, guest lecturers, and even educational sessions for the Jefferson community. Meetings are held every four to six weeks.

There is a one-time national membership fee of \$65.00 which includes subscriptions to *The New Physician* as well as a free Netter's *Atlas of Human Anatomy* along with many other benefits listed at www.amsa.org.

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American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)

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AMWA is dedicated to promoting women's health and advancing the careers of female medical students and physicians. AMWA's goal is to provide both personal and professional support for its members through mentorships and special events with faculty members.

Past activities include a faculty-student mentor program, big-sis outreach program, lunch seminars and a lecture series promoting women in research. AMWA plans to continue these traditions while incorporating new ideas from current members. Future goals include the development of a lecture series addressing women's health issues including female cancers, osteoporosis, violence against women, thyroid disorders and preventative medicine.

Members have the opportunity to network with female medical students as well as physicians and faculty members.

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For 40 years, the APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) has played a key role in helping students navigate through pharmacy school, explore careers in pharmacy, and connect with others in the profession. As the first professional organization within the Jefferson School of Pharmacy (JSP), our mission is to be the collective voice of student pharmacists, to provide opportunities for professional growth, and to envision and actively promote the future of pharmacy at Thomas Jefferson University.

Patient outreach projects, conferences, and social and professional events provide members with an opportunity to engage the community and network with colleagues while illustrating the important role pharmacists play as healthcare professionals.

The JSP Chapter for APhA-ASP accepted its charter in 2009. Dues are \$45 for those students interested in joining APhA-ASP, and \$60 for those students interested in joining both APhA-ASP and the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association.

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The purpose of the Jefferson Anesthesia Society is to introduce students to the field of anesthesiology and its many subspecialties. The Society also aims to provide interested students with advice and assistance in the residency application process, opportunities to learn more about anesthesia and to develop the necessary skills, and information on the most current developments in the field.

Meetings are held throughout the year with guest speakers discussing the many subspecialties of anesthesia, such as cardiac, pediatric, obstetric, critical care, pain, and neuroanesthesia. Discussions about residency programs, the Match, and research opportunities are also held during the year. An annual airway workshop gives students the chance to practice basic airway skills.

The Society has been in existence five years. There are no dues or fees for membership.

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Arcus Iris

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Arcus Iris was created to serve as an educational resource, support and outreach group, and as a social/professional networking organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students.

Arcus Iris hosts a variety of meetings, lectures and service opportunities.

Arcus Iris has been in existence for two years. There are no dues or fees for membership.

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The purpose of the Jefferson Arrhythmias is to promote an opportunity for women to sing *a capella* music. The group performs songs from the 60's to the present, as well as many different genres of music. The group performs regularly on and off campus.

The group meets once a week to rehearse and learn new songs, and performs several times throughout the year.

The Jefferson Arrhythmias have been in existence for more than 14 years and there are no dues or fees.

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The purpose of Ars Medica is to increase awareness among the Jefferson campus community of all aspects of health and healing, including complementary medicines, nutrition, social aspects of health and other forms of integrative therapies. Members explore other views and cultures of medicine to enrich their personal and professional lives. Some of the questions Ars Medica addresses are: What forces shape current medical practice? What can be learned from other cultural medical practices? How can holistic ideas be applied to practical therapy? How do assumptions, both individual and communal, affect the practice of medicine?

Monthly meetings feature lectures, workshops and/or simple stress reduction gatherings. New members are always welcome and appreciated.

Ars Medica has been in existence for 23 years.

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The Jefferson Arts Organization was founded to offer Jefferson students, faculty and employees the chance to express themselves through art. To accomplish this goal, this organization has targeted three main media: painting/photography, music and writing. The Jefferson Arts Organization currently invites such artistic expression through two main venues. Its journal, *Inside Out*, is a presentation of artwork, photography, short stories, poems and essays in a unique arrangement that is published annually. Through café events, all members of the Jefferson Community are invited to share their talents of music, dance, poetry, theater and comedy in this bi-annual event complete with an art exhibition. In addition, the Jefferson Arts Organization hopes to organize subsidized art classes taught by professors from local art schools. All of these activities are designed to bring more diversity to the Jefferson community, to allow students and medical staff the chance to stop and reflect on their daily lives, and to provide a creative outlet for the rigors of school and work. Other projects include readings of works, art exhibits and musical performances.

The Jefferson Arts Organization does not limit artistic contributions to members. There are many opportunities for involvement including the editing committee; organizing performances; setting up art classes; and recruiting artists, performers and writers. Meeting focus varies depending on area of interest.

The Jefferson Arts Organization has been in existence for eight years. There are no dues or fees, and one does not have to be a member to contribute.

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Asian Pacific Medical Student Association (APAMSA)

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The Asian Pacific Medical Student Association (APAMSA) is a national organization that addresses issues important to Asian-American medical students. The chapter at Jefferson promotes cultural awareness and diversity among the community.

Events are scheduled once or twice per month in addition to periodic organizational meetings. Past activities have included invited speakers, dim-sum, a trip to NYC for the Asian Diversity Convention, a Lunar Chinese New Year Celebration, participation in the "Expressions of Asia" program, the Multicultural Show, the annual Asian American Health Care Network Chinatown Health Fair, cooking classes, dumpling fundraiser, sushi rolling demonstration and more!

In addition, APAMSA provides various training clinics throughout the year for those interested in participating in health screenings conducted through the Asian American Health Care Network and the Chinese Health Information Center. Students have the opportunity to learn how to take blood pressure readings, glucometer measurements and cholesterol assessments for a nominal fee.

APAMSA has been in existence for more than 15 years.

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Jefferson Badminton Club

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The Jefferson Badminton Club provides members of the Jefferson community with the opportunity to play badminton. The club teaches interested students and employees the basics of badminton, as well as more advanced skills. The club will provide tutorials and information sessions that will demonstrate the basic rules, proper strategies, and skills of badminton. Come out, play, and have some fun!

The Jefferson Badminton Club has been in existence for one year.

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Black & Blue Ball Committee

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The Black & Blue Ball Committee organizes an annual Jefferson Medical College formal fundraising event to raise money for the Kappa Beta Phi Student Aid Fund for medical students.

Meetings are held throughout the year to prepare for the annual ball. Fundraisers and ad solicitations are the primary means used to raise money for the aid fund supported by this committee.

The Black & Blue Ball Committee has been in existence for 75 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Bookstore Advisory Committee

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The purpose of the Bookstore Advisory Committee is to foster communication between the Bookstore management and the University community.

The Committee meets monthly to discuss such topics as mission, product mix, textbook adoption, marketing and promotion, customer service, inventory control, and policies and procedures.

The Committee has been in existence for six years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Boricua Latino Health Organization (JBLHO)

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The Jefferson Boricua Latino Health Organization, a chapter of The National Boricua Latino Health Organization, is a student group representing health professions students from the northeast region of the United States. The organization's mission is to recruit Latinos into higher education, educate the public and one another about Latino health issues, advocate for increased Latino representation in health professions schools, and promote awareness on social, political and economic issues as they relate to Latino health.

In collaboration with the Jefferson Medical College Office of Diversity and Minority Affairs (ODAMA), through the Jefferson Medical Language Immersion Program (JEFF MED-LIP), weekly classes in Medical Spanish are taught by Jefferson faculty and language-proficient members of JBLHO. Students have the opportunity to learn medical terminology, discuss healthcare issues relevant to the Latino subgroups, perform physicals on standardized patients, and participate in a community outreach program at a medical facility that serves largely a Latino patient population while exploring the social-cultural issues of Latinos. In addition, students are encouraged to participate in a summer abroad "immersion" program where Medical Spanish is reinforced, clinical rotations in the local dermatology clinic and main hospital are emphasized, and healthcare issues affecting that specific population addressed. The program is a 6-8 week clinical "immersion" internship in the Dominican Republic. This program has been established in collaboration with the Universidad Iberoamericana School of Medicine (UNIBE) and their main teaching hospital, Plaza de la Salud and the Dermatology Clinic.

In addition, JBLHO promotes lectures about issues important to Latino health and co-sponsors, with ODAMA, programs to further promote sensitivity and awareness during Latin Heritage Month and Diversity Week.

JBLHO has been in existence for 12 years.

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Jefferson Chamber Orchestra

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The Jefferson Chamber Orchestra enables all members of the Jefferson Community to play chamber music for both public and private audiences. The Chamber Orchestra has performed for weddings, cocktail parties, receptions and private parties including the Jefferson Medical College White Coat Ceremony and Parent's Day.

The group performs together at least four times over the course of the year.

The Orchestra has been in existence for three years. There are no dues or fees.

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Chinese Martial Arts Club

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The Chinese Martial Arts Club provides all members of the Jefferson Community with the opportunity to learn and practice Kung Fu and Tai Chi at a convenient location with little expense. Members will learn about the culture and philosophy that are the foundation of Shaolin Kung Fu and Yang Style Tai Chi. Classes will also provide self-defense training for the members through the application of martial arts. The Chinese Martial Arts Club will give members a fun and engaging form of exercise, stress management and relaxation.

The club meets three hours each week for two Tai Chi classes and one Shaolin Kung Fu class, and participates in various exhibitions and events throughout the year.

The Chinese Martial Arts Club has been in existence for one year. To participate in club activities, members must pay a monthly fee of \$30.00.

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Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA)

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The Chinese Students and Scholars Association at Thomas Jefferson University seeks to enhance communication among its members, assist them in getting involved at the University and contribute to the cultural diversity of the Jefferson community.

Activities include new member orientation and the celebration of traditional Chinese festivals. The group seeks to assist University faculty and staff with their questions regarding students and scholars from China and Chinese language and society. The CSSA also hopes to participate in University-sponsored cultural events as well as donate Chinese journals to the Scott Library.

The association has been in existence for more than 16 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Thomas Jefferson University Choir

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The purposes of the Thomas Jefferson University Choir are to provide Jeffersonians with the opportunity to sing choral music and to offer choral concerts to the University community. Rehearsals are held weekly, September through May. Two major concerts are held each year.

The choir has been in existence since 1970. There are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Christian Fellowship (JCF)

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The purposes of Jefferson Christian Fellowship (JCF) are to grow closer in our personal relationships with the Lord, and to grow closer to each other as a body of believers. Members seek to support and encourage each other, to learn more about the Bible, and to integrate their Christian faith with their professional lives.

JCF hosts weekly meetings as well as Accountability Groups, Small Groups, Physicians Talks, Praise Nights and volunteer opportunities.

JCF has been in existence for more than 32 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Clowns for Medicine

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The purpose of Jefferson Clowns for Medicine is to provide a more holistic approach to well-being through the healing power of laughter. Clowning venues include hospitals, daycare centers, schools and nursing homes. Participants must attend two clownings per year.

Meetings are held approximately once per month to train on some aspect of clowning such as juggling, balloon sculpting, music, puppetry or other such antics. Clownings are scheduled every week at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

The organization is in its eighth year. There are no dues or fees. All supplies are provided.

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CSA meets monthly to discuss current University issues and to seek constructive feedback. CSA is also an active supporter of community-based projects in and around Jefferson.

CSA has been in existence for 13 years. There are no dues or fees.

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The purpose of the Jefferson Cycling Club is to bring together members of the Jefferson Community who have an interest in cycling. The club organizes group touring rides in the Philadelphia area, both road and mountain bike, for club members.

The Jefferson Cycling Club will also organize a team, both road and mountain biking, who will participate as a team in local races.

The Jefferson Cycling Club has been in existence for one year. There are no dues or fees, but members will be responsible for individual event fees.

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Jefferson Dance Troupe

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The troupe holds weekly dance rehearsals, performs at various events, and works with community performing arts centers.

The Jefferson Dance Troupe has been in existence for four years and there are no dues.

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The Jefferson Dermatology Society has been in existence for over 11 years and there are no dues.

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Diversity Council

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Sponsored by the Jefferson Medical College Office of Diversity & Minority Affairs, the Diversity Council is comprised of students from Jefferson Medical College, Jefferson College of Graduate Studies, and the Schools of Health Professions, Nursing, Pharmacy and Population Health. Its mission is to seek participation and input from Jefferson students in bringing forth educational programs, events and activities that will help foster cultural awareness and sensitivity. In addition, it provides students with a "safe environment" to discuss and voice concerns.

The Diversity Council is composed of the following committees: Minority Affairs, Multicultural Events and Activities, Education and Curriculum, Community Service and Outreach, and Grants and Research. Students spearhead many of the events and activities by planning, promoting and participating in all activities. Each committee has developed programs that are unique to that specific area and designed to meet the overall mission of the University on a whole: excellence in education, scholarship, research and patient care.

The Diversity Council has been in existence for 7 years..

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Edward McGehee Jefferson Geriatrics Society (JGS)

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The Edward McGehee Jefferson Geriatrics Society (JGS) seeks to further student interest in geriatrics as a career, to educate students about important issues in geriatrics through sponsored lectures and symposia, and to further knowledge among students about the different practice options available in geriatrics today.

The society has been in existence for more than 13 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Emergency Medicine Society (JEMS)

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The Jefferson Emergency Medicine Society is dedicated to educating students about important topics facing Emergency Medicine today, and teaching students about different facets of the specialty prior to formal rotations. JEMS provides programs that explore technical skills commonly used in Emergency Medicine, allowing students hand on experience.

The Jefferson Emergency Medicine Society has been in existence for more than 21 years. Annual dues are \$6.00, or students may opt for a 4-year membership for \$20.00. There is a fee of \$3.00 for all non-member clinic participation.

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Jefferson Football League

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

The purpose of the Jefferson Football League is to provide a friendly atmosphere for flag football players and anyone interested in learning the game to meet and play with others in the Jefferson community. The club has events for players of all skill levels.

The club meets once a week for pick-up flag football games.

The Jefferson Football League has been in existence for five years and there are no dues.

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Jefferson Medical College Freshmen Assistance Committee (FAC)

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The purpose of the Freshmen Assistance Committee (FAC) is to assist with the orientation of Jefferson Medical College (JMC) freshmen, both academically and socially. Membership of the FAC consists of JMC sophomores who seek to help freshmen in their adjustment to Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson Medical College and Philadelphia.

The FAC hosts several programs at the beginning of the academic year including barbeques, dinners, city tours, baseball outings and activities to encourage friendships and interactions within the new freshman class. The FAC also provides personal support to individual students through its coordinated efforts with the JMC Big Sib/Little Sib program. Several organizational meetings are held at various points in the year.

There are no dues.

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FUNCTIONAL

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FUNCTIONAL is an interdisciplinary campus group that advocates for a more functional healthcare system, specifically a single-payer system. We feel that everyone should have access to quality health care in this country and that a single-payer system is the only way to make that a reality. We work with all members of the Jefferson community, other schools in the region, and local organizations with similar goals to help make universal health care a reality.

FUNCTIONAL has been in existence for one year. There are no dues or fees.

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Gibbon Surgical Society

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

The Gibbon Surgical Society facilitates surgical interest, activity, and education at the medical student level via lecture series, clinical skills workshops, peer mentorship, and outreach.

Members of the Jefferson faculty are invited to speak at meetings held periodically throughout the academic year. The Gibbon Surgical Society co-sponsors the Jefferson Surgery Observation Program and helps to organize the annual Gibbon Grand Rounds Lecture of the Department of Surgery. In addition, the society also co-sponsors the annual knot-tying and suture clinic for first- through third-year students.

The Gibbon Surgical Society has been in existence for 31 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Graduate Student Association (GSA)

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The Graduate Student Association (GSA) was formed in 1969 to provide a link among graduate students, the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies' administration and faculty, and the surrounding Philadelphia community. The ultimate mission of the GSA is to promote the maturation and well-being of graduate students as well as to address and resolve all questions and concerns raised by those students. In addition to improving the quality of life for graduate students, the GSA is also strongly devoted to enhancing the reputation of the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies and Thomas Jefferson University by insisting upon the utmost professionalism and maturity within its members as they proceed toward becoming exceptional researchers within their respective disciplines.

All students within the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies are granted membership to the GSA, while participation in the organization is promoted and encouraged throughout the course of a student's experience with Thomas Jefferson University. The GSA is headed by an executive board composed of nine elected graduate students who serve as the voice of the graduate student community at all university-based meetings, committees, and events. Throughout the year, the GSA offers an eclectic mix of academic, cultural, philanthropic, social, and community service related events within both the University and the Philadelphia area.

The Graduate Student Association has been in existence for 40 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Hands of Hope

(Open to Jefferson School of Health Professions Physical Therapy students)

The purpose of Hands of Hope is to provide physical therapy services to the homeless population in the Center City Philadelphia area. Physical Therapy students also gain hands-on clinical experience under the supervision of licensed physical therapists.

The physical therapy clinic runs every Tuesday evening from 5:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. throughout the year at the Ridge Shelter. Transportation to and from the shelter is provided. Meetings are held at the beginning and end of each academic year.

The organization has been in existence for 16 years.

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Hawaiian & Native American Society

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

The Hawaiian & Native American Society provides an opportunity for all members of the Jefferson community to learn about the culture and history of Hawaii & Native Americans. The Society organizes talks about the Hawaiian & Native American culture, provides the community with a taste of cuisine, and schedules an annual Hawaiian Luau.

The Society also strives to educate students about Hawaii and how medicine in the Islands differs from traditional medicine, and to provide awareness about various types of nontraditional medications in use on the Islands.

The Society has been in existence for two years. There are no dues or fees.

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Healthcare Leaders of Tomorrow

(Open to all Jefferson students)

Healthcare Leaders of Tomorrow seeks to connect medical students with physician leaders in various areas of health care and provide opportunities to learn about the healthcare system.

The group works closely with the School of Population Health on various projects. Most notably, members of the group are mentored by the School's Senior Scholars – researchers, educators, industry professionals and policy makers from outside the Jefferson community. The School of Population Health also provides opportunities for students to become involved in clinically-related quality improvement projects with the hope that students will emerge as future advocates for improving patient care.

Healthcare Leaders of Tomorrow has been in existence for three years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson History of Medicine Society

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

Founded in 1824, Jefferson has a long and storied history that figures prominently in the medical annals. In keeping with this rich tradition, the Jefferson History of Medicine Society promotes the understanding and appreciation of the historical foundations upon which current medical knowledge and practice is constructed. Our purpose is to encourage health sciences students to acquire an appreciation for this historical heritage.

The Jefferson History of Medicine Society sponsors a variety of lunchtime and evening lectures and symposia on diverse topics in this field by medical faculty and local experts. In the spirit of intellectual discourse students may also present topics of interest. Presentations are followed by informal discussion and refreshments. Extramural opportunities for essay competitions and historical research are available to foster greater involvement by Jefferson's students in the academic liberal arts community within Philadelphia.

The Society has been in existence for five years and there are no dues.

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Hobart Amory Hare Honor Medical Society

(Open to qualifying Jefferson Medical College students)

The Hobart Amory Hare Honor Medical Society is the Department of Medicine's honor society for Jefferson Medical College students. Membership consists of students who finish in the top third of the second year Foundations of Clinical Medicine course and students who receive honors in their twelve-week medicine rotation.

The Society sponsors a monthly journal club, a lecture series, a ventilator conference, the Raft Debate, review sessions in the Foundations of Clinical Medicine course, an annual distinguished speaker lecture and an annual dinner to recognize the students' choice for best resident and best teacher among the House Staff in Internal Medicine. The Society also sponsors a Clinical Pathology Conference each May in conjunction with Medicine Grand Rounds. The Society meets regularly to plan and implement its programs and events.

The Hobart Amory Hare Honor Medical Society has been in existence for 118 years. Dues are \$50 for a 2-year membership.

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Jefferson Internal Medicine Society (JIMS)

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The purpose of the Jefferson Internal Medicine Society is to expose the Jefferson community to the specialty and subspecialties of Internal Medicine. The society focuses on the many facets of Internal Medicine in primary care as well as in specialty practice.

Activities and events include regular meetings and seminars where interested persons are encouraged to consider Internal Medicine as a career choice. The society sponsors a rotation-scheduling seminar in the spring, a regular journal club, a residency selection seminar each fall, and a lecture series that runs throughout the school year.

JIMS has been in existence for 13 years and there are no dues or fees.

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International Medicine Society

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The purpose of the International Medicine Society (IMS) is to facilitate the process of going abroad for Jefferson students by providing information concerning possible international health education opportunities. In addition, the International Medicine Society expands and maintains a network of students, faculty and alumni that will enable members of the Jefferson community to share insight, resources and contacts concerning medical education abroad.

Members also work with other medical students across the country on the Remedy Project. Unused medical equipment that Jefferson Hospital cannot use is sent to developing countries around the world.

Seminars and general meetings are held to present experiences by faculty and students in international health care and to educate students regarding health issues and current healthcare challenges abroad. The International Medicine Society also helps raise cultural awareness through various cultural activities on campus.

The International Medicine Society aids all students with an interest in international medicine so that they may reap the benefits of exposure to different cultures, healthcare systems and paradigms of thinking. Please visit the International Medicine Society in the Office of International Exchange Services in Room M70, Jefferson Alumni Hall.

The International Medicine Society has been in existence for 16 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Islamic Medical Association at Jefferson (IMAJ)

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

The purpose of the Islamic Medical Association at Jefferson (IMAJ) is to provide services for Muslim members of the Jefferson community and to educate the University community to understand the religious, social and cultural aspects of Islam and peoples of the Muslim world. IMAJ is actively involved in improving resources for patients and educating healthcare workers about religious and culturally competent care of Muslim patients. IMAJ also organizes and participates in health education and screenings within the Philadelphia community. In addition to weekly prayer meetings, IMAJ sponsors weekly discussion series with informal dinners. During the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, IMAJ sponsors a campus-wide dinner. An annual Eid-ul-Adha dinner is held as well.

Weekly discussion meetings are held one evening during the week. Weekly prayer meetings are held every Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. IMAJ welcomes all members of the Jefferson community to participate in its activities.

IMAJ has been in existence for 17 years.

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Jeff 2.0

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

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Jeff 2.0 was established in the Spring of 2009. There are no dues or fees.

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Jeff Cares for Kids

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

The purpose of this organization is to educate members about childhood disabilities, and to allow members of the Jefferson community to interact with children who have physical disabilities, particularly those children at the HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy.

Didactic sessions are arranged for members throughout the year. Members can have an overview visit to the HMS School where they will be oriented to the site, meet the children, and review charts. Members can make monthly visits where they assist staff in designated activities and chart progress of participating children. Members will also have the opportunity to participate in special programs/events (i.e. Special Olympics, school play).

Jeff Cares for Kids has been in existence for three years. There are no dues or fees.

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JeffCAT

Creative Art Therapy

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

JeffCAT is a student-run organization that travels every other week to My Sister's Place (MSP), a women's shelter in West Philadelphia. MSP is a long-term residential substance abuse treatment shelter for women and their children. JeffCAT spends an hour per visit at MSP promoting health and healing through the creative expression of art.

JeffCAT has been in existence for two years. There are no dues or fees.

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The purpose of Jeff Earth is to increase awareness of environmental issues on and beyond Jefferson's campus. The organization seeks to instill the importance of environmental preservation, recycling, responsible energy use and other aspects of an eco-friendly lifestyle.

Meetings are held every other week on Wednesdays. Activities include lectures, orientation programs and organizing recycling efforts on campus.

Jeff Recycles has been in existence for 16 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Helping Africa Link to Health

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Jeff HEALTH is a student-run organization that aims to help Africa link to improved health resources one village at a time. We strive to build a university-wide community of health professional students and faculty interested in working to improve health conditions in African communities.

JeffHEALTH has been in existence for three years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jeff HOPE

Health, Opportunity, Prevention & Education

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The purpose of Jeff HOPE is to provide dignified, accessible and appropriate health care for a diverse population of underserved and marginalized individuals, to foster a sense of social responsibility and activism among health professionals, and to increase opportunities for health professional students to engage in meaningful community health activities. Jeff HOPE displays the benefits of service learning as an important aspect of medical education. It elicits changes in the medical curriculum to include community work and interdisciplinary education. The organization forms relationships with the community and other health disciplines in order to identify problems relevant to patient care and community health and to work as a team to solve them.

Activities include:

- four medical clinics at three local homeless shelters and at the Prevention Point Needle Exchange Site
- opportunities to participate in provision of health care for the homeless
- individual volunteer and research opportunities
- monthly seminar series featuring innovative and interactive lectures on a variety of urban healthcare topics
- smoking cessation and diabetes education programs for shelter residents
- advocacy services for patients
- fundraising events including the Jeff HOPE Charity Ball

Jeff HOPE has been in existence for 17 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jeff ISPOR

International Society of Pharmacoeconomics & Outcomes Research

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The purpose of Jeff ISPOR is to provide an environment where students can share knowledge in pharmacoeconomics and health outcomes research. Jeff ISPOR serves to link students interested in pharmacoeconomics and members of the pharmaceutical industry, health-related organizations, and academia.

Jeff ISPOR's activities include a fall information session, monthly educational teleconferences, and a spring educational meeting.

Jeff ISPOR has been in existence for three years. National dues are \$35.00 annually.

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Jeff Mentors

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Jeff Mentors pairs students from the health professions with identified at-risk youth from the Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs located in a North Philadelphia community. Striving to influence these children positively, Jeff Mentors seeks to provide leadership, guidance and support through mentoring.

Mentors commit to a minimum two-year relationship with four hours per month of mentoring contact.

The organization has been in existence for nine years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jeff Reads

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Jeff Reads is a program that helps make early literacy a part of pediatric primary care. Jeff Reads volunteers read to children as they wait for their appointments at the duPont Pediatric and Jefferson Family Medicine Clinics. They introduce parents to the pleasures and techniques of looking at books with children of different ages. The organization gives books to children to take with them when they leave in order to encourage reading in the home and to get books into the hands of those who may have little or no access to them.

Additional activities include monthly lunchtime literacy-themed seminars, decorating and maintaining the clinic in order to promote literacy, helping children acquire library cards, holding book drives, and community outreach.

Jeff Reads has been in existence for 11 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jeff SAMOSA

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Jeff SAMOSA is a student-run organization that fosters interest in and increases awareness of the South Asian culture at Jefferson. In addition, Jeff SAMOSA provides a peer support group for persons of South Asian descent.

The Diwali Festival is held in the fall and includes a cultural show to celebrate the Festival of Lights. Speaker and discussion panels are held featuring renown healthcare professionals in the South Asian Community. Other events include National Gandhi Day of Service, Bollywood movie screenings, South Asian mixers and a Holi cultural festival.

The organization has been in existence for over 16 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jeff SAPHE

Safety, Awareness, Public Health Education

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Jeff SAPHE is dedicated to public health education, awareness, safety, promotion and prevention. The goal of this organization is to provide information to members and the community at large about activities, current trends and academic developments in public health, as well as an opportunity to give back to the community.

Jeff SAPHE coordinates Public Health Week events, conferences, and meetings twice a month.

The organization has been in existence for two years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jeff SEES has been in existence for three years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jeff SOAR

Students Organized Against Rape

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

Jeff SOAR (Students Organized Against Rape) provides a forum to increase awareness and advocacy of issues of sexual violence. Jeff SOAR raises awareness about rape, sexual assault, domestic violence and other forms of sexual violence through trainings, forums, guest speakers and outreach to the campus and greater community. Areas of discussion include, but are not limited to, the care of a patient following a sexual assault; immediate and follow-up treatment; short- and long-term consequences of sexual violence; how to protect oneself from sexual violence; and how to educate others to protect themselves from sexual violence.

Jeff SOAR hosts monthly meetings, activities and events which include Women Organized Against Rape counseling training, self-defense classes, pepper spray sales, yearly productions of *The Vagina Monologues*, speakers, lectures, and social events.

This organization has been in existence for five years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jeff YES

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The purpose of Jeff YES is to involve students in adolescent health care through the Department of Family & Community Medicine's ongoing relationship with the adolescent homeless shelter, Youth Emergency Service (YES), in North Philadelphia.

Activities include student-run health forums at YES two Tuesday evenings each month. Jeff YES also hosts a seminar series on diverse topics such as interviewing adolescents, legal issues involving the care of adolescents, the foster care system, teenage pregnancy and STDs, adolescent fathers, drug abuse among adolescents, and sexuality in adolescents. These informal talks are facilitated by physicians from the Jefferson community during lunch at various times throughout each semester. There are also opportunities to participate in a Monday afternoon clinic where students work with residents to gain exposure to adolescent medicine and observe complete history-taking and physicals.

The organization has been in existence for 11 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Jewish Student Association

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The purpose of the Jefferson Jewish Student Association is to bring Jefferson students and staff of all congregations and involvement together for celebration, education and community, and to help students learn about the Jewish community in Philadelphia.

Activities and events include seminars addressing a number of Jewish topics such as the Holocaust, Israel, holidays and ethics. Along with the Tay-Sachs foundation, members help staff tables at health fairs and assist in screenings. Social events include brunches, dinners, interprofessional school mixers, seasonal celebration of holidays, and flower delivery to patients.

The Jefferson Jewish Student Association has been in existence for 37 years.

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Jefferson Karate Club

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The Jefferson Karate Club promotes the philosophy of Shotokan Karate and the improvement of character through the development of physical and mental discipline. In addition to strengthening the mind and body, the instructors teach the self defense techniques of traditional Shotokan Karate.

Training can help to reduce stress, get in shape, learn self defense and improve concentration and coordination.

The Jefferson Karate Club Chief Instructor, Teruyuki Okazaki, holds a 9th degree black belt – the highest outside of Japan. Mr. Okazaki is also head of the International Shotokan Federation (ISKF), which is headquartered at 222 South 45th Street in Philadelphia. Jefferson Club members have access to additional training at the IKSF Dojo on 45th Street. Jefferson Karate Club dues include membership in both the ISKF and JKA (Japan Karate Association), organizations that sponsor a number of annual events including Summer and Fall Training Camps and various collegiate, local and national tournaments.

The Karate Club has been in existence for 30 years. The dues are approximately \$70.00 per semester, and dues are not collected in the summer. Two rank exams (\$15 each) are normally held at the end of each semester. Members are also responsible for the purchase of a Gi (uniform). However, new participants may train with shorts or comfortable exercise clothing.

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Kathryn MacFarland Ob/Gyn Society

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The Kathryn MacFarland Ob/Gyn Society offers a forum for students interested in Women's Health as a career, and endeavors to provide insight into the specialty and subspecialties of Obstetrics and Gynecology. This group provides an excellent opportunity for students to develop a network among the house staff and attending physicians at Jefferson.

Meetings are held monthly from September to May with speakers chosen by members of the society. From talks on Reproductive Endocrinology, Gynecologic Oncology and Maternal Fetal Medicine, to discussions on residency programs and the Match, the Society strives to broaden the amount of time paid to women's health issues during the normal curriculum. Members are encouraged to become student members of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the national association of Ob/Gyn.

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Lambda Nu Radiologic and Imaging Sciences National Honor Society

(Open to qualifying Jefferson School of Health Professions Radiologic Sciences Students and Faculty)

The Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter of Lambda Nu, the national honor society for radiologic and imaging sciences, was established at the Jefferson School of Health Professions in 2002. The purpose of the Chapter is to foster academic scholarship at the highest levels, to foster good relations between Radiologic Sciences students and faculty, to promote research and investigation in the radiologic and imaging sciences, and to recognize exemplary scholarship.

Lambda Nu sponsors several events each year including: Radiologic Sciences Professional Day in December, Class Night Induction Ceremony just before Commencement in May, fundraising events on Halloween and St. Patrick's Day, and the annual election of officers in June.

In addition to announced events and meetings, the business of the Society is conducted by an Executive Board consisting of the Chapter Officers and the Chairpersons of the Program and Scholarship Committees. Annual student membership dues are \$20.

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Louis Pasteur Roman Catholic Society

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The purpose of this society is to provide a forum for students to interact with each other and discuss the perspective of the Roman Catholic Church and its involvement in current issues in medicine. Theologians, medical ethicists and physicians share their personal and professional experience.

The group meets every other week for Mass, and also hosts dinners and discussions. Occasionally, the group invites guest speakers and plans social fellowship opportunities.

This group has been in existence for 14 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Married Student and Significant Other Society

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The purpose of the Married Student and Significant Other Society is to provide support to couples and their families throughout medical school. The organization strives to ease the transition to the Jefferson community by providing information, employment services, and emotional and social guidance.

Activities may vary but generally include publication of the School Survival Guide, relationship brunch, seminar on obtaining residency of choice with lifestyle/family intact, and educational and social activities for students and their families every four to six weeks.

The Married Student and Significant Other Society has been in existence for 16 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Medical Interpreters

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The Jefferson Medical Interpreters provide certified medical interpreters to local clinics and hospitals in order to improve healthcare access in Philadelphia. The group is partnering with the Health Federation of Philadelphia, other Jefferson organizations, and community groups to increase medical interpretations services in Philadelphia.

Jefferson Medical Interpreters were established in Spring 2009. There are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Medical Oncology Society

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The Jefferson Medical Oncology Society is a cooperative group of students and Jefferson community members interested in learning about and being involved with medical oncology. A main goal of the Society is to provide students with opportunities to explore their interests in this field, through seminars and discussions with oncologists and medical researchers.

The Jefferson Medical Oncology Society sponsors lunch seminars with oncologists and other members of the healthcare team that address topics in medical oncology, including career choices, cancer prevention, epidemiology and treatment options. The Society serves as a resource to facilitate mentoring opportunities by matching interested students with hematologists and oncologists. In addition, the Jefferson Medical Oncology Society participates in community events, such as the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to promote cancer education and awareness.

The Jefferson Medical Oncology Society has been in existence for seven years. There are no dues or fees.

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Medical Students for Choice

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The purpose of Medical Students for Choice (MSFC) is to provide students and health professionals with educational opportunities in all areas of women's reproductive health. MSFC works to ensure that comprehensive reproductive health care, including abortion, is a part of standard medical training and practice.

Throughout the year, MSFC organizes several lectures led by experts in specific areas of reproductive health. Students may also sign up to observe abortion procedures and options-counseling at local health care facilities. In addition to regional and national conference attendance, members meet to discuss current events and policy surrounding women's reproductive health care.

Medical Students for Choice is a national organization, and Jefferson's chapter has been in existence for 16 years..

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Med-Peds Society of Philadelphia

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The Med-Peds Society of Philadelphia promotes opportunities for education and support for those students interested in combined Medicine-Pediatrics residency training in the Philadelphia area. The Society also organizes a residency fair, advising session, and serves as a point of contact for interested medical students.

The Society has been in existence for three years. There are no dues or fees.

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Military Medical Students Association

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The Military Medical Students Association (MMSA) provides a base for understanding military medicine as it applies to the three main branches of the United States Armed Forces including the Army, Navy and Air Force. Membership consists of recipients of the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (AFHPSP). The association serves as a forum for communication and support through which AFHPSP recipients can share and learn about experiences and issues applicable to them as current medical students and as future military medical officers.

Activities include organizational meetings, a welcome dinner for incoming students, guest lectures, participation in school fairs, field trips, and a breakfast for graduating seniors. The organization has been in existence for nine years.

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Move4Health

(Open to all Jefferson students)

Move4Health is a collaborative project between Thomas Jefferson University medical, health professions and graduate students and the physicians of the Jefferson Department of Family & Community Medicine to create a lifestyle change in patients with Type II Diabetes.

Move4Health conducts 13-week classes for women with Type II Diabetes. Each class consists of 30 minutes of diabetes and lifestyle education and 30 minutes of physical activity; both components are taught by students.

Move4Health has been in existence for five years and there are no dues or fees.

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Nursing Student Government Association (NSGA)

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The purpose of the Nursing Student Government Association (NSGA) is to provide a forum for student input with the goal of continued improvement of the nursing education at Thomas Jefferson University. NSGA facilitates communication between students, faculty, alumni, and the administration of the Jefferson School of Nursing. The association provides the opportunity to promote the development of professionalism within the student body. The NSGA provides co-curricular educational experiences and facilitates the development of leadership and managerial skill for nurses.

General meetings are held monthly during the school year. Board meetings are also held monthly. Activities include student/faculty community outreach projects, interaction with other disciplines within the University and fundraising to support these activities.

The association has been in existence for 23 years. There are no dues or fees.

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The Nutmeg Society

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The Nutmeg Society allows Jefferson students to gain extra exposure to the specialty of pathology with the hopes that opportunities will be available to explore Pathology prior to making career decisions.

The Nutmeg Society facilitates various events such as shadowing pathologists, quarterly seminars, and providing information about local pathology events and issues.

The Society has been in existence for one year. There are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson School of Population Health Chapter of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Open School

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

The goal of the Jefferson Open School is to raise awareness of quality improvement and patient safety competencies in the next generation of healthcare providers and encourage inclusion in the curriculum of all health disciplines. Jefferson Open School meets one or more times per month to discuss health care quality and patient safety.

The Chapter has been in existence for one year. There are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Orthopaedic Association

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The purpose of the Jefferson Orthopaedic Association is to encourage interest in the specialty of Orthopaedic Surgery by offering exposure to the field through various lectures, clinical encounters, and hands-on experiences. The Association also serves to help advise students applying for positions in Orthopaedic Surgery residency programs.

The Association has several meetings throughout the year where faculty and residents lecture on interesting topics in Orthopaedic Surgery. Activities also include several clinical skills sessions on topics such as musculoskeletal physical exam and joint injections. In addition, the Society gives interested students the opportunity to observe orthopaedic surgeons in the clinic and in the operating room. Finally, a mentorship program provides a way to develop relationships with faculty members for guidance and involvement in research projects.

Meetings are held several times throughout the year. The Association has been in existence for six years. There are no fees or dues.

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Jefferson Otolaryngology Society

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The purpose of the Jefferson Otolaryngology Society is to introduce students to the art of otolaryngology – head and neck surgery, to expose students to the basic principles of otolaryngology research and patient care, and to advise students interested in the pursuit of otolaryngology as a career choice.

Educational events include an introductory meeting aimed at increasing awareness and spark interest in the profession, a yearly field trip to A.I. du Pont Children's Hospital to provide exposure to the Pediatric Otolaryngology subspecialty, and a match meeting at the end of the year to discuss application and match strategies with recently matched seniors.

The Society has been in existence for more than 13 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Outing Club

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The Jefferson Outing Club provides a forum for those interested in outdoor activities to meet and learn about how they can get involved in those types of activities locally. The goal of the Jefferson Outing Club is to bring together people with similar interests and to make outdoor activities more accessible to beginners.

Activities include rock climbing, camping, kayaking, hiking, skiing, snowboarding, mountain biking, and paintball. The Outing Club supports and helps organize outings that interest members of the club and the Jefferson community. The organization's mission is to facilitate group activities that promote camaraderie, physical activity and balance between the demands of everyday life and members' personal hobbies and interests.

The Jefferson Outing Club has been in existence for six years. There are no dues or fees.

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Partners in Hope

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Partners in Hope was created out of a desire by students to participate in Jefferson's Department of Family & Community Medicine's collaboration with the Nationalities Services Center (NSC), which resettles refugees in Philadelphia.

Federal guidelines for refugees mandate that they receive a health screening within thirty days of their arrival. Jefferson aids in this process and teaches global health within the context of family practice. Partners in Hope seeks to aid in health screenings, learn about refugee health, promote health education among refugees, and to identify and address unmet medical needs.

Recently, Partners in Hope has worked with Burmese, Iraqi, Vietnamese, Liberian, Congolese, Haitian, and Iranian refugees. In the near future, they will be welcoming Bhutanese refugees to the area as well.

Partners in Hope has been in existence for one year. There are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Pediatrics Society

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The purpose of the Jefferson Pediatrics Society is to increase student exposure to the work of pediatricians, both general practitioners and specialists. The goal is to have students explore the world of pediatrics as a complement to their present or future clinical rotations.

Monthly events often feature a member of the Jefferson Pediatrics Department. In addition, interested students will be matched to shadow a physician or assist with children's immunizations. Various community activities are also planned.

The Jefferson Pediatrics Society has been in existence for more than 17 years.

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The Peter Amadio, Jr. Family Medicine Society

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The purpose of The Peter Amadio, Jr. Family Medicine Society is to expose the Jefferson community to the specialty of family medicine and to encourage interested persons to enter the field.

The Peter Amadio, Jr. Family Medicine Society holds regular meetings and seminars, residency dinners and a "Meet the Faculty" mixer.

The Society has been in existence for 31 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Society

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The purpose of the Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Society is to provide Thomas Jefferson University students with information about the medical specialty of physical medicine and rehabilitation; to organize lectures, clinical skills sessions, and student volunteer opportunities related to physical medicine and rehabilitation.

The Society has been in existence for one year. There are no dues or fees.

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Physical Therapy Society

(Open to Jefferson School of Health Professions Physical Therapy students)

The purpose of the Physical Therapy Society is to provide an opportunity for physical therapy students to become involved in extracurricular activities both at Jefferson and in the community. The focus of the activities is on community service, health-related issues, and to expand each member's knowledge of the physical therapy field. Speakers are invited once a month to discuss their experience as a physical therapist or topics related to physical therapy. Participation is intended to enhance relations among physical therapy students and to expose students to community health and physical therapy issues.

General membership meetings are held monthly. Most activities are local and inexpensive.

The Society has been in existence for 17 years.

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Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR)

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The vision of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) is a healthy, just and peaceful world for present and future generations. PSR applies the core values of medicine and public health to protect human life from the gravest threats to health and survival. This includes the danger of nuclear proliferation and war, global climate, toxic degradation of the environment, and interpersonal violence. PSR's strategy for achieving its mission is to educate through research, analysis, collaboration and targeted communications and to advocate for government and societal change at the local, state, national and international levels.

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Jefferson Plastic Surgery Society (JPSS)

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The purpose of the Jefferson Plastic Surgery Society (JPSS) is to introduce students to the art of plastic and reconstructive surgery; to expose students to the basic principles of plastic and reconstructive surgery, research and patient care; and to advise students interested in the pursuit of plastic surgery as a career choice.

The JPSS offers interested students an opportunity to learn more about the dynamic field of plastic surgery by providing a medium for students to obtain relevant information. Through the Society, students have an opportunity to observe plastic surgery procedures and attend lectures on various topics including reconstructive surgery, cosmetic surgery, case presentations, residency training and the residency match process. Finally, the Society provides an accessible forum for Jefferson medical students interested in plastic surgery to collaborate toward increasing their knowledge of this specialty.

Meetings are held several times per year. The Society has been in existence for five years. There are no membership fees or dues.

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Jefferson Postdoctoral Association (JPA)

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The mission of the Jefferson Postdoctoral Association (JPA) is to provide a link among postdocs, the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies' administration and faculty, and the community at large. The goals of the JPA are to provide a channel for communication, to promote understanding and intellectual stimulation, and to improve the position of postdoctoral fellows in training and extracurricular matters.

JPA activities include monthly meetings, technical skills workshops, career seminars, a summer BBQ, a winter party, social hours and Research Day.

The JPA has been in existence for five years and there are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Preventive Medicine Society (JPMS)

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The Jefferson Preventive Medicine Society seeks to promote good health and wellness in both the Jefferson and Philadelphia communities. Specifically, the Society is involved in a community nutrition education program where members go to local sites and give talks and demonstrations about the importance of diet and exercise to health. The Society also regularly participates in health screenings and hosts lectures about preventive diseases.

The Jefferson Preventive Medicine Society has been in existence for two years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Psychiatry Society

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The Jefferson Psychiatry Society has been in existence for eight years and there are no dues.

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Jefferson Public Health Society

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The Jefferson Public Health Society is for medical and other health professions students who have an interest in exploring the arena of public health in greater depth. The Society's goal is to make the Jefferson community more aware and informed about public health issues and their effects on current medical practice.

The Society's activities include community health and international health initiatives, student/faculty discussion groups, interaction with the local community public health organizations, and collaboration with other student organizations undertaking public health activities.

The Jefferson Public Health Society was re-established in the Spring of 2009. There are no dues or fees.

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The purpose of the Jefferson Radiology Society is to promote and develop interest in the field of radiology, and to reinforce existing interest in the field. The Society also strives to provide valuable and reliable resources to students interested in radiology, and to provide basic tools for students to interpret radiological studies.

Activities include radiology lectures, career development and practical experience.

The Jefferson Radiology Society has been in existence for four years. There are no dues or fees.

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Sigma Theta Tau International Delta Rho Chapter

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The Delta Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing, has existed at Thomas Jefferson University since 1980. As one of over 160 chapters nationally, Delta Rho's activities focus on promoting professionalism and scholarship within the nursing community.

Membership in Sigma Theta Tau is an honor conferred on baccalaureate and graduate students who demonstrate superior academic achievement and leadership abilities. The honor society's purposes include fostering high professional standards, creative work and strengthening commitment to the ideals of the nursing profession.

Activities include the annual induction ceremony, a spring conference, community service projects and a holiday toy/pajama drive.

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Jefferson Soccer Club

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

The purpose of the Jefferson Soccer Club is to bring together those who are interested in playing soccer and competing in the Fall/Spring Outdoor Philadelphia Professional School Soccer League.

Practices are open to all members of the Jefferson community. Outdoor practice is held twice per week in the fall and once a week in the spring. Indoor practice is held one night a week during the winter. The outdoor league consists of competition against other city medical and professional schools. Fall and spring outdoor league games are held on Saturday or Sunday mornings for ten weeks in the fall and six weeks in the spring. Eleven to 18 members dress for each game. The club organizes intramural soccer teams during the winter months.

The Jefferson Soccer Club has been in existence for more than 18 years. The dues depend on the amount of league game play and the number of participants.

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Jefferson Sports Medicine Society

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The Jefferson Sports Medicine Society aims to allow Jefferson students to gain exposure to the field of sports medicine, with the aim of helping students explore sports medicine prior to making career decisions.

The Society provides members with various opportunities in the field, including shadowing sport medicine physicians, clinical skills sessions, and information about local sports medicine events and issues.

The Jefferson Sports Medicine Society has been in existence for four years and there are no dues.

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Student Advisory Committee

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The Student Advisory Committee is composed of student representatives from the Jefferson Schools. The Student Advisory Committee typically meets monthly from September through April. Student representatives meet with the Office of Student Affairs staff to discuss issues of interest to students in the college.

Student Advisory Committee members discuss student life issues and have the opportunity to meet with various student services staff members. Student representatives also assist in the coordination of the annual Winter Social and select the faculty recipient of the Lindback Award.

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Jefferson Student Blood Drive Team

(Open to all Jefferson students)

The purpose of the Jefferson Student Blood Drive Team is to work with the Blood Donor Center at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital to recruit student donors. The Team focuses on promoting and raising awareness about the importance of blood donation on campus, with the goal of increasing student donors and ultimately saving lives.

The Jefferson Student Blood Drive Team has been in existence for four years and there are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Medical College Student Council

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The purpose of the Jefferson Medical College Student Council is to serve as a liaison between the students of Jefferson Medical College (JMC), the University, Faculty and Administration, and the community. The Student Council also organizes student activities and represents JMC students on local, state and national issues and concerns.

The Student Council meets monthly to discuss issues of relevance to medical students and to coordinate student activities. JMC students may serve on the Council in a variety of ways -- as a class representative, as a member of a Student/Faculty Committee or as a Council Officer.

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Student Interest Group in Neurology (SIGN)

(Open to all Jefferson students)

The purpose of SIGN is to introduce and promote the field of Neurology, covering both the clinical and research aspects, to students of the healthcare professions.

Meetings and discussions are held every six weeks featuring faculty members, private practitioners and residents. Information on residency programs and career opportunities is provided. Students may interact with faculty members through attendance at their patient clinics, Grand Rounds presentations and laboratories. Members will be included in Department of Neurology functions including conventions, seminars and presentations of research.

SIGN has been in existence for 15 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Student National Medical Association (SNMA)

(Open to Jefferson Medical College students)

The Student National Medical Association (SNMA) is committed to supporting current and future underrepresented minority medical students, addressing the needs of underserved communities, and increasing the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent, and socially conscious physicians.

Jefferson chapter meetings, held monthly, are forums for the discussion of issues, service project development and organizational business. SNMA members participate in minority student interviews, clothing drives, health fairs, pre-exam review sessions and socials. The Jefferson chapter is a member of the SNMA national organization, Region VIII, and also participates in the national protocols, annual convention and regional meetings.

SNMA was established in 1964 at Howard University, and has since become a national organization with more than 60 Chapters throughout the United States. SNMA has been in existence at Thomas Jefferson University for 37 years. National dues are \$60.00 for 4 years, and Chapter dues are \$10.00 annually.

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Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA)

(Open to Jefferson School of Health Professions Occupational Therapy students)

The purpose of the Student Occupational Therapy Association is to promote the development of leadership, cooperation, and the profession of occupational therapy through public relations, education and social events. Members are invited to participate in a variety of social and educational programs.

Meetings are held monthly and events are held periodically, approximately three events per semester.

The Student Occupational Therapy Association has been in existence for 22 years. The annual dues are \$10.00.

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Jefferson Student Professional Conduct Committee (Student PCC)

(Open to Jefferson Medical College students by election)

The Student Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) is a student-run organization that serves as the first step in the judicial process in matters concerning professional conduct on the part of the students enrolled in Jefferson Medical College. The PCC serves as a fact-finding body that follows up on cases of reported unprofessional behavior, and if necessary, will recommend further investigation by the Judicial Review Board. The organization, when necessary, will also serve as student advocates and as a mediator between administrators and students.

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Jefferson Students for Life

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

The mission of Jefferson Students for Life is to support medical and health professions students in their decision to be pro-life medical professionals. The group also strives to promote respect for all human life and to advocate a medical ethic that protects all human life.

Jefferson Students for Life meets monthly to discuss issues facing pro-life students, to plan educational events and to interact with pro-life healthcare professionals.

This organization has been in existence for 6 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Thomas Duane Ophthalmology Society

(Open to Jefferson Medical College students)

The purpose of the Thomas Duane Ophthalmology Society is to introduce Jefferson Medical College students to the exciting field of Ophthalmology, to expose students to the basic ophthalmology examination, and to advise students interested in Ophthalmology as a career.

Meetings are held to discuss current topics in the field of ophthalmology, research and the application process for ophthalmology residency. The Society also sponsors an annual Slit Lamp Workshop for students.

The society has been in existence for 20 years and there are no dues or fees.

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Ultimate Frisbee Club

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

The Ultimate Frisbee Club provides a forum for those who love the thrill of competition in a friendly environment. The goal of the Ultimate Frisbee Club is to enjoy the outdoors, to have fun and play disc.

No experience is necessary and all levels of play are welcome! The club encourages members of the Jefferson community to attend games twice a week (Tuesday and Sunday), as well as to participate in an annual professional school tournament.

The Ultimate Frisbee Club has been in existence for eight years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Urology Society

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

The Jefferson Urology Society introduces students to the field of Urology, fosters an independent interest through mentorship and research, and helps interested students with the Match process.

The Society sponsors several programs and annual events. A clinical mentorship program provides operating room and patient office hour observation. A research orientation introduces interested students to faculty with research opportunities. The Society also provides invaluable advice from upperclassmen and faculty concerning the Match process. The Society is a forum through which any student with an interest in urology can become involved with this small but exciting field of medicine.

The Jefferson Urology Society has been in existence for seven years and there are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Volleyball Club (JVC)

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

The purpose of the Jefferson Volleyball Club (JVC) is to provide a friendly atmosphere for volleyball players and anyone interested in learning the game to meet and play with others in the Jefferson community. The Club has events for players of all skill levels.

The Club has open play once a week and participates in tournaments for charity.

JVC has been in existence for five years and there are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Water Polo Club

(Open to all members of the Jefferson community)

The purpose of the Water Polo Club is to provide a fun and exciting opportunity for fitness. The Club plays once a week and no special skills are required except the ability to swim. Games are co-ed and the basic rules are reviewed occasionally for those interested. Level of play is designed to the interest of the players.

The Water Polo Club organizes games in the Jeff-IBC Wellness Center pool once a week. Games are usually held on Wednesday from 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The Water Polo Club has been in existence for 14 years. There are no dues or fees.

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Wellness Center Advisory Committee

(Open to all members of the Jeff-IBC Wellness Center by appointment)

The purpose of the Wellness Center Advisory Committee is to recommend policies for governing the Jeff-IBC Wellness Center, to recommend recreational and wellness programming, and to recommend fees to support activities and programs that are funded by the wellness center membership. Meetings are held monthly during the academic year.

The Wellness Center Advisory Committee has been in existence for five years. There are no dues or fees.

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Jefferson Wilderness & Disaster Medicine Society

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The purpose of the Jefferson Wilderness & Disaster Medicine Society is to provide educational opportunities in the fields of disaster medicine and wilderness medicine for Jefferson students. The Society provides didactic and hands-on learning opportunities, resource information and medical school rotation and residency/fellowship training information in these fields.

The Wilderness & Disaster Medicine Society has been in existence for one year. There are no dues or fees.

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