



LUHS SU NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS

NATIONAL DNA DAY

DNA Day is celebrated on April 25th. Did you know, that only 0,1% of the 3 billion human genome base pairs are unique to us? Although, that 0,1% still makes us unique we are more similar than we like to think. On this occasion, LUHS SU organized a DNA Day contest. Those who wanted to participate had to send their own and their parents or grandparents' pictures. The most similar family pairs won 'Infinity room' and LUHS SU prizes.



THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT LSMU SA



Examination of the SA image questionnaire revealed that currently LSMU SA is surrounded by a huge mystical veil, which does not allow students to get acquainted with the Student Representation and its activities. Therefore, on April 14, SA organized the event "The whole truth about LSMU SA". During the event, the image questionnaire of LSMU SA was discussed, the latest achievements of SA activities (in the academic and social fields) were presented, the vaccination process for university students and the upcoming changes at the university were discussed.

REPRESENTATION

CURATORS 2021

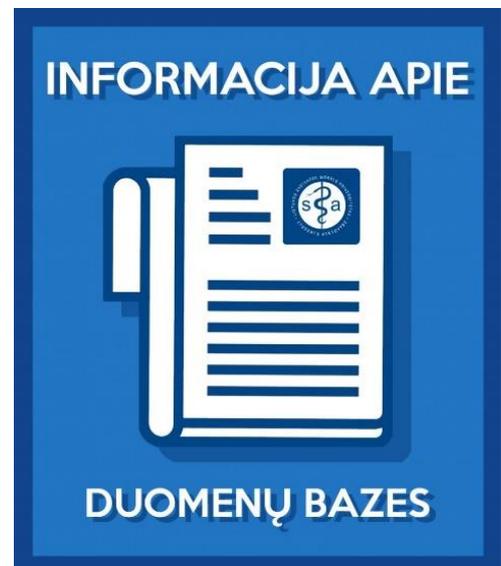
Like every Spring, LUHS SU project 'Curators 2021' took place and the most motivated and helpful first-years' Curators were chosen for the next school year. They will be first-years' guides throughout the first year of university, will be helping to adapt in a new university environment, will be providing useful information and will be helping to solve problems we all endure in university. There were 93 candidates for the 'Curators' project. There were interviews held with every candidate. To find the best curators for first-years, the candidates had to know all about social, academic and general knowledge about our university. But candidates not only



needed to know about the University, they also had to be motivated, helpful, friendly and communicative. LUHS SU wanted to find curators who are not only guides to the first-years but also the first friends the students will make in hope to keep these friendships until finishing the university and maybe further in future. After talking to all 93 candidates, LUHS SU managed to form a wonderful team who we can proudly call Curators.

DATA BASES

On April 1, subscriptions of 11 different data bases (Ovid eBooks, Oxford Medicine Online, STAT! Ref (Anatomy.tv), Uptodate, Annual Reviews, Cambridge Core, Emerald, Lipincott Williams & Wilkins, CABI (Nutrition and Food Sciences), CABI (Descriptions of Fungi and Bacteria), HippoEM) was cancelled. The LSMU Student Union (LSMU SA + ICOSA), the Residents and Doctoral Students Council, and the Student Scientific Society (SMD) expressed concern and wrote an appeal to the university regarding the renewal of subscriptions to selected key databases. Now we are waiting for a response from the university authorities and will share it once we have the information.



INFORMATION REGARDING RESIDENCY SPOTS FUNDED BY THE STATE



The news reached us that instead of 365 free places for residency studies were planned, the government allocated 346 places (12 for Dentistry, 14 for Veterinary Medicine and 320 for Medicine). We are saddened by this decision. Some students who chose to study medicine six years ago and hoped to study in their preferred residency program will not have such opportunities. Even after long persuasions at a meeting of the Public Procurement Committee and several years of requests to develop a procedure for planning the need for specialists, students currently studying are left without a choice. We remind you that residency is a non-degree university degree in medicine intended for a doctor seeking to acquire or change the professional qualification of a doctor in the field of medical practice. Currently, 278 students are studying in the 6th year of medicine at our university, and places are reserved for both LSMU and VU medical students, so a large part of students may be left without the

opportunity for further studies. We are dissatisfied with the Government's decision, we are concerned about the current situation and we are asking a very important question: Can we really see that we no longer need future resident doctors when we see burned-out health professionals working more than full-time? You can read the official letter [HERE](#).

The official letter from organizations representing Health Science students and residents quickly received reaction – on April 28 students and residents (VU and LUHS SU, Residency council, LiMSA, JGA) representatives attended two meetings which were initiated by the LR Seimas Health Committee and Ministry of Education, Science and Sport. The Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finances, Government, a few of the hospitals and other associated institutions' representatives attended these meetings.

At this time we don't have any good news regarding this issue but we can gladly announce that this issue is actively being solved. All the sides which attended the meetings agree that lowering the funding for Residency spots was an unfair and inadequate act and solutions to financing are on the way.

We would like accentuate that if more Residency spots will be funded probably the funding will go only to the prioritized specialties*. Not all Residency spots will receive more funding or funding at all.

To this day we can only announce that the Residency spots funding issue is being addressed in the Government and there is still some hope.

*The finished list is still being discussed.



SURVEY RESULTS

1. Leisure area at the Faculty of Pharmacy We would like to inform you that due to the need of students to have a mini canteen in the library, because of various hygiene requirements it could not be implemented, but we can rejoice that when we will return to mixed studies we will have the opportunity to use a leisure area for students, where we will find a microwave, a kettle and the possibility to have a coffee at the Faculty of Pharmacy, on the sixth floor.

2. Planning a new Faculty of Nursing

We are glad that this new nursing building has been planning specifically for students. It was considered that there would be space for students to come together while waiting for classes, to communicate, and to study independently. This is a building that has to be cozy for students. Therefore, we are glad that the nursing representatives set a main principle for the architect when planning the building - to plan so that the building would be for the students and they would feel good in it.

3. Food service at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

After systematizing the data of this questionnaire, we found out that the greatest need for students is a food service available to all. We would like to announce that it is planned to open a canteen in the basement of the central building of the Veterinary Academy campus from September 2021. According to the Chancellor of the Veterinary Academy, we would like to announce that work is in progress, but the emergence of the feeding place will depend not only on our efforts but also on the results of pandemic management.

4. Lack of benches and bike racks

At the request of the students, the head of the building maintenance department of the Medical Academy was contacted, who paid attention to our wishes. Extra bicycle racks are provided at the MLK and the Library, they are planned to be attached when the weather will be warmer. Due to additional bicycle holders they were installed at the Kriaučeliūnas clinic in VA town.

