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### ***Start Here. Go Anywhere!* – SDMS Sonography Student Conclave**

PLANO, TEXAS - Sonography students from across the United States, Canada, and the rest of the world will converge in Denver, Colorado to explore their professional opportunities at the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS) Sonography Student Conclave. Any student member of SDMS may attend the 2006 SDMS Sonography Student Conclave held on October 12, 2006, at **no charge**. Non-members may register for the day-long program for only \$40 which includes a complimentary one-year SDMS student membership (including a subscription to the *Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography*). Student Conclave registration includes continental breakfast, lunch, and a pass to the SDMS Annual Conference Exhibit Hall Grand Opening where attendees can interact with employers, recruiters, manufacturers, and sonography publishers.

"*Start Here. Go Anywhere!* is especially meaningful because the Student Conclave showcases the extraordinary career paths and interests that our student members can pursue", said SDMS President Jean Lea Spitz MPH, RDMS, FSDMS. "The 2006 SDMS Sonographer Student Conclave offers a dynamic atmosphere in which students will experience the benefits and supportive network provided by their professional organization."

The Student Conclave will feature sessions such as "Financing Your Future with Sonography Credentials", "Essential Interviewing/Negotiating Skills", "Time Management: How to Prepare for the Registry Exams", "Getting the Most Out of Your Clinical Experience", and "Managing Risks: Your Career Depends On It!" Attendees will have the option to register, at a significant discount, for additional in-depth clinical sessions presented as part of the 2006 SDMS Annual Conference, October 13-15.

Students attending the 2006 SDMS Student Conclave may also be interested in participating in the Student Sonographer Poster Exhibit Competition – poster presentations that report the results of a research study completed by sonography students. Students can win cash prizes. The deadline for submission is May 31, 2006.

The SDMS Educational Foundation will offer a limited number of student sonographer grants to assist sonography students interested in attending the 2006 SDMS Annual Conference. The deadline for application for a student sonographer grant is July 31, 2006.

Full details of the 2006 SDMS Sonographer Student Conclave will be released in May. For additional information, visit: <http://www.sdms.org/meetings/students.asp>.

The Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography is a national professional organization representing more than 18,000 sonographers (including more than 1,600 sonography students) and other health care providers involved in the use of diagnostic medical sonography. Its goal is to promote, advance, and educate its members and the medical community in the science of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

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