

Macomb Future DOcs

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Audience

The Future DOcs program is distinct from any other medical school outreach initiative as it includes enrichment activities held at an actual medical school combined with the intentional pairing of high school students with medical student mentors.

- Selected high school juniors and seniors have the opportunity to go into the community and work alongside physicians and community members to experience various health care careers. Field trips include visits to a medical examiner's office, Medstar ambulance and Macomb area Hospitals: Henry Ford, McLaren & St. John. Each program includes hands-on activities where physicians, nurses and other health care workers interact with the high school students.
- Total number of participants: 32 students
Medical school mentors: 15 students. We had a representation of 15 different schools
- The target populations are high school junior and seniors who have a good GPA, volunteer and community involvement throughout high school in the Macomb area.
- The purpose of Future DOcs is to foster an interest in the STEM fields, create awareness of the college admissions process and generate a strategy to obtain entrance into MSUCOM.

Program Criteria

The criteria for admission into the Future DOc program are as follows:

- Students must be in good standing at their institution with no disciplinary or academic delinquencies.
- They must fill out an application detailing community service, extracurricular activities, future aspirations and GPA.
- Applicants must secure a recommendation from a current instructor.
- Parents must sign a contract to finalize student eligibility.

Funding

- This program is funded by the community partners and hospitals involved in the program. Additional funding is provided by the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Objectives

- Increase the access, persistence and graduation rates among underserved students interested in medical careers.
- To showcase the resources that the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine's Macomb site brings to the area
- Educate area high school students about the numerous health care career opportunities that exist in southeast Michigan.
- Create a culture of success and empowerment among participants.

Description

- This is an ongoing program that meets throughout the academic year. The high school students engage with faculty, staff and their medical student mentors during a Saturday series hosted at the Macomb site and area hospitals and other health care facilities.
- About 75 individuals are integral to this program's success, including staff, faculty and medical student mentors.
- Intentional contact totals about 50 hours per month. This includes program planning time, meeting and coordinating with presenters, students, staff and physicians, actual time spent on task during the Saturday workshops, prep/clean-up time and follow up/evaluation.

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