History
Established in 2000, OsteoCHAMPS partnered with the Ethylene Crockett Vocational/Technical High School in Detroit to encourage, prepare and foster the health career interests of disadvantaged high school students across Michigan. The program has expanded to include schools and sponsoring agencies in communities across Michigan.

Description
OsteoCHAMPS (Careers in Health And Medicine Program Services) provides students a hands on opportunity to engage in a nine-day residential program to learn about careers in medicine while living on a BIG 10 university campus. They experience the following:

- Gained insight on what it is like to live and eat in a college resident hall, explore the campus and attend classes.
- Engage in academic curriculum (anatomy, biochemistry, medical research project, etc.)
- Extracurricular activities (team building, social events, mentoring opportunities)
- Experiential learning (clinical skills and osteopathic manipulative medicine)

Program Criteria
- High school sophomore or junior
- Interest in healthcare (per extracurricular activities/application essays)
- Minimum overall GPA 3.0 (unofficial transcript required)
- 1 Letter of recommendation
- Completed application and submission

*Class of 2017: 59 students, 40 Females 19 Males
* # of Counties: 23 (MI and OH)

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Objectives
- Foster interest in health care-related careers, including osteopathic medicine, among high school participants from economically and academically disadvantaged communities
- Provide participants with hands-on and thought provoking academic enrichment activities.
- Establish lifelong learning and problem-solving skills
- Develop individual responsibility, appreciation of diversity and teamwork
- Social activities focused on providing interaction with health professionals and MSUCOM students

Funding
This program is funded by a combination of participant fees, grants, scholarships offered by MSUCOM and external partners.

Outcomes

Skills Impact - Inclusive of Strongly Agree & Agree only

Knowledge Impact - Inclusive of Strongly Agree & Agree only