Contact Information

If interested or know of someone who may be, please disseminate this informational brochure to those individuals.

For inquiries, questions, information and an application packet, please contact:

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One of the greatest ills of the American Health Care System is the lack of minority physicians within the profession.

**OUR PURPOSE**

To provide African-American male high school and college students with the necessary tools to advance academically and socially in the pursuit of a career in medicine. Thus, the long range goal is to increase the number of African-Americans in the health care workforce.

This mentoring initiative was developed by the African American male medical students from the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) College of Medicine Class of 2010. Subsequent classes of African-American male students have become mentors as well.

A Gentleman and A Scholar Mentoring Program seeks to establish a program of academic enhancement, exposure to the health care system and profession at large as well as professional and personal development for African-American males who have expressed a genuine interest in becoming a physician. The goal of the program is to encourage and support selected high school and college students in attaining their doctor of medicine (M.D.) degree. The educational and mentoring strategies implemented by A Gentleman and A Scholar will, in part, provide preparation for successful completion of a high school and college tract curriculum with the necessary academic skills to begin medical school.

**Program Description**

The Gentleman and A Scholar Mentoring Program is a mentoring program consisting of a series of monthly large group sessions and individual one-on-one sessions with an assigned student mentor. The sessions/workshops will also include the following:

- Professional Development and Etiquette Training
- Mock Interview Workshops
- Physician Workshop Lecture Series
- College and Medical School Recruitment Fairs
- Exposure to Summer Programs for Academic Enrichment
- Summer Research Opportunities
- SAT / MCAT Prep
- Various Academic Enrichment / Study Groups
- Academic Tutoring
- Opportunities for Clinical Experience
- Exposure to the numerous facets of health care, i.e. public health, health care policy
- Community Service – Health Care Initiatives

Each mentor will lead a small mentoring group of 2-4 students. Each group meets regularly throughout the year. The medical students will serve as the mentees’ academic, professional and social liaison with the program.

**How to Apply**

Students who are interested should apply by submitting a signed and completed application packet, a letter of recommendation from a science teacher or school administrator, an unofficial academic transcript from his current institution and a completed essay on the designated topic as indicated in the application packet.

**Program Requirements**

1. Must have an interest in medicine
2. Must maintain good academic standing at respective institution
3. Must attend all scheduled activities and events
4. Must notify your personal mentor via phone prior to scheduled event if unable to attend event
5. Must maintain a high level of professionalism and decorum at scheduled events
6. Must submit mid-term and final grades to program director via unofficial transcript
7. Must submit program evaluations at the end of the semester