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OBJECTIVES OF CONFERENCE

• EXPOSE UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITIES TO MEDICINE
• ADDRESS ISSUES OF HEALTH EQUITY
• TEACH USEFUL ORGANIZATIONAL AND STUDY SKILLS.
• DISCUSS MEDICAL SCHOOL ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS (MCAT, GPA, APPLICATION).
• FACILITATE DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING LIFE AS A MEDICAL STUDENT & PHYSICIAN.

Committed to the Diverse Needs of Medicine

A CONFERENCE “WITH A TWIST”

The proposed conference aims to take a small step outside the traditional template of other conferences by offering new and refreshing sessions that give undergraduate pre-medical students a more close and personal view of medicine. That is to say, not only will there be tours of the school and deans available to answer questions regarding competitive GPAs and MCAT scores, but students will also be able to hear personal stories of life and work balance.

They will sit-in on talks over social justice and the role of the physician, study skills, and organizational skills. Its a pre-medical conference “with a twist.” Please see attached preliminary itinerary for more details.

MEDICAL SCHOOL & SUPPORT

A secondary goal of the conference is to show the attendees a glimpse of the support they will have if they choose to come to UTHealth Medical School, or any other medical school. This is a very important aspect for many students. They want to feel at home and feel comfortable with the culture of wherever they decide to pursue their education. By the end of the conference, they will know they at least have a home away from home here at The University of Texas Medical School at Houston.

“This is a great opportunity to highlight the faculty that tirelessly work to ensure all students have a positive experience. The same faculty that will be here for them.”

LOCATION

The conference will take place in the Brown Foundation Institute of Molecular Medicine, a new part of the University of Texas Medical School. The overhanging flags symbolize UT’s commitment to diversity. The fishbowl breakout rooms allow for a friendly and open feel. Later, buses will transport attendees from the IMM building to the main medical school building and Memorial Hermann (teaching hospital) for a tour of the facilities often used by medical students, residents, and physicians.

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for taking the time to review this solicitation package and the attached budget. We understand your time is valuable which makes us all the more appreciative.

On January 28, 2012, the UTHealth chapter of SNMA is hosting a first annual pre-med conference primarily designed to attract underrepresented students to the field of medicine. We recognize that as the state of Texas becomes more and more diverse, medical students, as future physicians, should assist faculty and staff with this important task. Being the only pre-medical conference at a medical school in southeast Texas, this conference will greatly increase exposure to the healthfield and access to the resources of the UTHealth medical school and Texas Medical Center to surrounding students.

At your convenience, please review the remaining pamphlet and considering sponsoring one of the areas in the attached budget. We would greatly appreciate any support you could offer in these trying economic times.

Saviour Achilike, Elena Sutherland
Conference Chairs
The University of Texas Medical School at Houston
Student National Medical Association

**EXPENSES**

**Transportation:**
- Bus $77.5/2 hrs
- Parking $5/person
- Total $677.50

**Food (Catering):**
- Breakfast $5/person
- Lunch $8/person
- Total $1,300.00

**Printing/Packing:**
- Total $400.00

**Registration Associated Costs:**
- Pens sponsored
- Notebags sponsored
- T shirts $8/shirt
- Payment system $50.00
- Misc $50.00
- Total $900.00

**Security**
- Total 20.60/hr $154.50

**Speaker Gifts**
- Total $25/speaker $275.00

**Total Cost** $3,707.00

**PREDICTED SOURCE OF REVENUE**
Proposed Registration costs pending support from school and other sponsors:
- $40 early registration / $50 late registration

$40 x 100 attendees = $4,000*

* = updated list of sponsors will be added to www.uth.tmc.edu/snma/conference.html

Remaining funds will be used to assist those wishing to attend national SNMA conference.

**Tentative Schedule:**
**Date:** January 28, 2011
**Location:** UTH Institute of Molecular Medicine (IMM) Building
1825 Pressler St.
Houston, TX 77030

7:30a – 9:00a: Registration
8:00a – 9:00a: Breakfast
8:30a – 9:00a: Welcome
- Fehintola Omidele, MD SNMA President
- Dr. LaTanya Love, MD Assistant Dean, Admissions & Student Affairs
9:00a – 9:50a "Welcome to the Good Life." (Medical Student Life / What to Do With Time Off)
- Dr. Henry Strobel, Ph.D Associate Dean for Faculty and Alumni Affairs
with Special Performance by UTH student group
10:00a – 10:50a "So You Want to Be a Doctor?" (Application/MCAT)
- Dr. Sheela Lahotil, MD Assistant Dean, Admissions & Student Affairs
11:00a – 11:50a "Funding the Med School Dream." (Financial Aid)
- Dr. Hugh P Pieczeon, DDS Associate Dean, Student & Alumni Affairs
12:00p – 1:00p Lunch Keynote - "We Care"
- Dr. Ron Johnson, DDS Chief Academic Diversity Officer
Concurrent Sessions (pick one)
1:00p – 1:45p Networking or Study/Organization Skills or Tour
- Dr. Shine Chang, Ph.D. Director, Cancer Prevention Research Program (MDACC)
- Ms. Kathleen C. Straker Author of Study Without Stress: Mastering Medical Sciences
1:45p – 2:30p Minority in Medicine or Social Justice in Health care or Tour
- Dr. Johnnie Frazier, MD Professor, Pediatrics
- Dr. Carlos Moreno, MD Chair, Family & Community Medicine
2:30 – 3:15p Balance Friends, Family, Relationships (men) or Relationships (women) or Tour
- Dr. Joanne Oakes, MD Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine
- Dr. David Robinson, MD Associate Professor, Emergency Medicine
3:30p – 4:00p Panel
- Medical Students
4:00p - 4:20p Closing - "The Medical Future"
- Dr. Judianne Kellaway, MD Associate Professor, Ophthalmology

**UTHEALTH MEDICAL SCHOOL**
Forty years old, the medical school focuses on the training of future physicians for the state of Texas, in harmony with the state’s diverse population; conducting the highest caliber of research in the biomedical and health sciences; and providing exemplary clinical services in relationship to our educational and discovery activities...

**STUDENT NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**
Nation’s oldest and largest independent, student-run organization focused on the needs and concerns of medical students of color. Strives to improve cultural competency and social awareness, while working to address the needs of the underserved. Also provides support for current and future underrepresented minority medical students.

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