Dear Students:

Please join us and attend the UTHealth SNMA’s second annual pre-medical conference primarily designed to attract underrepresented students to the field of medicine. This is critical to the future care of an increasingly diverse population that not only expects their care-providers to be diverse in the literal sense, but more importantly, culturally sensitive and aware in their interactions. Education and recruitment are very important.

Being the only pre-medical conference for minorities at a medical school in Southeast Texas, this conference will greatly increase exposure to the health field and access to the resources of the UTHealth medical school and Texas Medical Center to interested students.

At your convenience, please review the conference booklet. The proposed sessions are designed to give students a well-rounded view of medical student life and what it means to commit to the field of medicine. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us. We hope to see you soon!

Uchechi Azuike & Jennifer Stoneking
Conference Chairs

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 by tours of the school and deans available to answer your 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. It’s a pre-medical conference “with a twist.” Please see attached preliminary itinerary for 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 come to UTHealth Medical School, or any other institution. This is a very important aspect for many students. We know you want to feel at home; comfortable with the culture of wherever you decide to pursue your education. By the end of the conference, you will know that at least you have a home away from home 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.

LOCATION

The conference will take place in the University of Texas Medical School building (MSB) located off of Fannin St in the Texas Medical Center. The University of Texas Medical School at Houston has been blazing a course of excellence since it was established by the Texas Legislature on June 13, 1969. Since its inception, more than 5,000 physicians have earned their medical degree here.

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UTHealth Pre-Medical Conference

Tentative Schedule:
Date: February 2, 2013
Location: The University of Texas Medical School at Houston
6431 Fannin
Houston, TX 77030

7:30a – 8:30a: Registration and Table Fair

8:00a – 9:00a: Breakfast

8:30a – 9:00a: Welcome
K. Corneaux & C. Furlough  SNMA Co-Presidents
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

10:00a – 10:50a “So You Want to Be a Doctor?” (Application/MCAT)
Dr. Sheela Lahoti, MD  Assistant Dean, Admissions & Student Affairs

11:00a – 11:50a “Funding the Med School Dream.” (Financial Aid)
Dr. Hugh P Pierpont, DDS  Associate Dean, Student & Alumni Affairs

12:00p – 1:00p: Lunch Keynote

Concurrent Sessions (pick one per time slot)

1:00p – 1:45p Networking or Study/Organization Skills or Tour
Dr. Shine Chang, PhD  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. Sutton, MD  Founder of MD Prep Course

2:30 – 3:15p Balance Friends, Family, Relationships (men) or Relationships (women) or Tour
Dr. Joanne Cakes, MD  Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine
Dr. David Robinson, MD  Associate Professor, Emergency Medicine

3:30p – 4:00p Hands-on Clinical Skills Activity Session
Medical Students

4:00p – 4:30p Panel
Medical Students

4:30p - 5:00p Closing - “The Medical Future”
Dr. Pedro Mancias, MD  Associate Professor, Pediatric Neurology
Registration Costs:

**Early Registration:** December 7, 2012 - January 11, 2013
$20.00*

**Late Registration:** January 11, 2013 - January 20, 2013
$25.00

Register by emailing registration form to:
ms.admissions.outreach@uth.tmc.edu

*Need-based scholarships are available to attend conference: email Uchechi.Azuike@uth.tmc.edu
For more information fill out "Contact Us" page on www.uth.tmc.edu/snma

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