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Students Participate in Summer Program for Science and Medicine Enthusiasts

BETHESDA, Md. – The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences' (USU) Office of Recruitment and Diversity will host the annual Science, Service, Medicine, and Mentoring (S2M2) program for high school students, July 2-7, 2007 at the Bladensburg Community Center, Landover, Md. The S2M2 program is for students between ages 14 and 17 who have completed ninth grade biology and are interested in pursuing a career in science, engineering, and/or medicine.

This unique program incorporates didactic sessions including presentations and discussions on health disparities, college preparation and financial aid options, and allied health care careers. S2M2 also allows the students, who are from a variety of ethnic, educational, and economic backgrounds, to experience the medical profession with hands on exercises in emergency medical training and surgical skills training. Some field trips include National Museum of Health and Medicine at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, National Capital Area Simulation Center and the U.S.S. Barry Navy Ship. Students will also observe surgery at the National Naval Medical Center.

The mission of the program is to encourage, nurture, and enhance the commitment to science and medicine in a welcoming and intellectually stimulating environment for groups of diverse high school students. The USU Office of Recruitment and Diversity is committed to helping build a student body that mirrors the diversity of the nation by providing support to student groups that celebrate that diversity, but share common interests in their future education.

A health fair on July 14 at the Community Center is a culmination of the week's studies where the students have an opportunity to display their posters and present knowledge gained from participating in the program. S2M2 sessions will also be held at USU on July 23-27 and August 6-10.

The USU School of Medicine has a year-round, four-year curriculum, which is nearly 700 hours longer than other U.S. medical schools. These extra hours focus on epidemiology, health promotion, disease prevention, tropical medicine, leadership and field exercises, and other subjects that relate to the unique requirements of career-oriented military physicians. Of the university's more than 4,000 physician alumni, the vast majority serve on active duty in the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, and U.S. Public Health Service.

For more information check www.usuhs.mil or to attend the program call the Office of External Affairs at (301) 295-1219.