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## Office of Recruitment and Diversity reaches out to youth in nation's capitol

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Members from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) Office of Recruitment and Diversity took part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Health Fair at Friendship Edison Collegiate Academy, Washington, D.C., on Feb. 23.

The fair offered students, who range from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, an opportunity to learn about

careers in the Allied Health Professions. Members from the Office of Recruitment and Diversity (ORD): CAPT Cynthia Macri, M.D., vice president, ORD; CDR Margaret Calloway, assistant dean special programs; Sheena Ferrell, diversity affairs specialist; and LaRhonda Baker, program support assistant, were there to provide students with information about USU and how they can get involved with the summer high school program, "Science, Service, Medicine, Mentoring" also known as S2M2.

The mission of the S2M2 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.



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**Students from Friendship Edison Collegiate Academy (FECA) gather information about the summer high school program hosted by USU's Office of Recruitment and Diversity (ORD). Members from ORD attended FECA's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Health Fair Feb. 23.**

This past summer approximately 40 students participated in the two-week program, and several students from the health fair showed interest in attending the program this summer. Eastman Osborne, an eleventh grader from Friendship High School participated in the program last year and said he learned a lot.

“I enjoyed it and I’d do it again if I could,” Eastman said. “I was originally considering going into music or drama, but my visit to the university was eye opening and is something I’m considering now as well.”

Eastman was so thrilled with the program that he brought several of his friends by the display table to show them his poster design and gave them information about what he did during his time at the university.



**Eastman Osborne, an eleventh grader at Friendship Edison Collegiate Academy, put together this display about Oral Health last summer during his participation in the summer high school program “Science, Service, Mentoring, Medicine.”**

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