University of Washington
Promote diversity in healthcare

Improve cultural sensitivity of our trainees and faculty to meet the needs of a diverse society

Support the academic success of students under-represented in medicine
  - Includes those demonstrating commitment to serve underserved communities
OMCA Staff

- Assist students in the admissions and application process
- Provide counseling and academic advising to students
- A resource for non-academic needs
- Facilitate access to UW, local and regional resources
OMCA Programs

- UDOC summer high school program
- Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP)
- Second Look program
- Prematriculation program
- Native American Center of Excellence
- Indian Health and Hispanic Health Pathway curriculum in medical school
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  - SMDEP Experience:
    - Biology, Chemistry, Biochem, Inorganic chem
    - Physics
    - Pre-Calculus
    - Writing Composition, Oral Presentation
    - Current Health Topics (ethics in healthcare)
    - Learning Skills (study skills, test-taking, time management etc.)
    - Interview Preparation
    - Clinical Exposure (Operating Room, Shadow a MD or DDS)
    - Volunteer (Serve underserved communities)
Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP)

- Be in your Freshman or Sophomore year.
- Demonstrate a serious interest in medicine/dentistry.
- Be from one of the following Underrepresented/Disadvantaged / Underserved of any background.
- U.S. citizenship or permanent resident.
- Application (Opens November 2009).
- Deadline March 1st
- Visit www.smdep.org
OMCA Programs

- Spanish for Health Professionals
- Research Advisor: for required project
- Learning Specialist
  - Study and test-taking skills, board exams, tutoring, course reviews
- Guest Speakers
- Student organizations
Student Organizations

- Student National Medical Association
- Medicine Wheel Society
- Latino Medical Student Association
- Asian-Pacific American Medical Student Association
Prematriculation Program (PreMat)

- Funded by UW
- 5 weeks from June to July of the summer before medical school
- Goal is to facilitate students’ transition to medical & dental school
- 15-20 positions
- Histology is completed for credit
Native American Center of Excellence

- Attract American Indian and Alaska Native students into medicine
- Recognize native healing traditions and incorporate them into Western training
- Encourage research into Native health issues
- Provide Indian Health Pathway certification to our medical students
Indian Health Pathway

- Began in 1992; now a nationally recognized and unique program
- Prepares Native and non-Native medical students for careers in American Indian/Alaska Native health
  - Rural and urban focus
  - Promote research on Indian health issues
- Includes lecture series, clinical electives and immersion experiences
Medical School: Other Pathways and Underserved Opportunities

PATHWAYS:
• Indian Health Pathway
• Underserved Pathway
• Hispanic Health Pathway
• Global Health Pathway

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:
Service Opportunities:
• CHAP (Community Health Advancement Program)
• SPARX (Student Providers Aspiring to Rural & underserved Experience)
• SITC - Students in the Community
UW School of Dentistry

- One of 15 dental pipeline schools funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- One of 5 schools to get funding for oral health disparities center nationally
- Mission to reduce oral health disparities in our region, especially in under-served areas
- Goal to recruit and retain students underrepresented in the oral health workforce and those with under-served community focus
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