

September 9, 2013

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of Robert L. Johnson, M.D., The Sharon and Joseph L. Muscarelle Endowed Dean of Rutgers University-New Jersey Medical School, I invite your students to participate in our highly successful Pre-Medical Honors Program in operation for the last thirteen years. We have been privileged to host many of your students in our Pre-Medical Honors program in the past. To date, we have graduated over 6,000 students, many of whom have elected to pursue careers in health and medicine.

The Pre-Medical Honors program is an effort by New Jersey Medical School to identify and encourage the most qualified high school students to consider careers in medicine. Our mission is to expose and encourage them to apply to our outstanding programs right here in New Jersey. Enrollment is limited to 200 students.

This program is sponsored by our Office of the Dean, the Office of Diversity and Community Engagement in close cooperation with faculty, medical students, staff members of the George F. Smith Library, Academic Computing Services, and University Hospital Education and Professional Development Services. We also invite you to learn more about our programs by accessing a recently published article sent as an e-mail attachment along with this letter. The following is a brief outline of the forthcoming Pre-Medical Honors program

This Fall we will begin on Wednesday evening, October 2nd and end on November 20th. Sessions last between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Students will be exposed to lectures by professors from the New Jersey Medical School, preceded by 75 minute didactic sessions conducted by medical students. A list of participating faculty, titles, and dates of their respective lectures is included in the attachment.

Enrollees are invited to participate in a wide range of activities and courses including Basic Life Support, Medical Librarianship, Fundamentals of Pathology, Cardio-Pulmonary Physiology and are also invited to tour University Hospital clinical units as well as the Emergency Department and Trauma facilities.

Throughout the semester, representatives from our graduate and professional schools including allied health, biomedical sciences, dentistry, nursing, and public health will describe their programs, as well as how to prepare academically for them.

A two-part session will be conducted by our Associate Dean for Admissions, George F. Heinrich, M.D. and medical student representatives who will describe the application process as well as their personal experiences at Rutgers University-New Jersey Medical School. A graduation ceremony is held that same night. Students completing the program will receive a diploma, as well as upon request, a letter for inclusion into their files.

Registration for our Pre-Medical Honors Program must be made only on-line by accessing our website: <http://njms.rutgers.edu/education/pre-medical>. The registration tab is located on the left-hand side of the homepage. Please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Grabow, Program Administrator at (973) 972-1269; grabowmi@njms.rutgers.edu, with any questions or concerns.

*Student on-line registration should be completed **no later than Friday, September 27, 2013.** Successful applicants will be notified by Monday, September 30th and provided with appropriate registration information. We look forward to working with you and your students.*

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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