

DC HAPP

The DC Health and Academic Prep Program

A HEALTHCARE PIPELINE PROGRAM FOR DC STUDENTS

The DC Health and Academic Prep Program (DC HAPP) is a pipeline program coordinated by the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences Office of Diversity and Inclusion to increase access to medical careers for students with identities underrepresented in medicine. A cohort of rising 11th- and 12th-grade students attending Washington, D.C. area public schools is selected to participate based on their passion for healthcare. Students attend a four-week summer experience and then participate in clinical shadowing.

DC HAPP scholars gain exposure to potential health care professions, learn hands-on medical skills, develop public health projects, and prepare for college applications and college life. Medical and public health students, physicians, and other medical professionals serve as mentors, facilitators, and teachers.

DC HAPP seeks to:

- Identify, recruit, and nurture talented District of Columbia area public school students from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine who have an interest in pursuing careers in the health professions
- Establish connections between students and health care professionals, including but not limited to physicians, physician assistants, nurses, physical therapists, and medical researchers
- Provide continuing support and resources for program scholars to achieve post-secondary academic success leading to professional careers in the health care field
- Build sustainable mentor/mentee relationships that aid scholars in long-term academic and professional success in the health care field

At a Glance

2017 Cohort

- Size: 18 scholars
- Gender: 7 boys 11 girls,
- Race & ethnicity: 72% Black, 22% Latinx, 5% Black & American Indian
- First Generation College Students: 62%

- First cohort to shadow clinicians at GW Hospital through the GW Health Workforce Institute
- Two scholars earned Posse scholarships



At a Glance

2016 Cohort

- Size: 20 scholars
- Gender: 4 boys, 16 girls
- Race & ethnicity: 75% Black, 25% Latinx
- First Generation College Students: 25%



- All scholars in the 2016 cohort enrolled in a post-secondary education institution
- One scholar earned a Posse scholarship



At a Glance

2015 Cohort

- Size: 13 scholars
- Gender: 4 boys, 9 girls;
- Race & ethnicity: 38% Black, 7% Black & Latinx, 52% Latinx
- First Generation College Students: 46%

- Twelve scholars in the 2015 cohort enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution; one joined the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia
- Two scholars earned the Gates Millennium Scholarship
- Two scholars earned Posse scholarships

Cohort 2016 and 2015 Accomplishments

- All scholars graduated from their respective high schools
- One scholar from each cohort attends GW, graduating classes of 2020 and 2021

Colleges Matriculated

- The George Washington University
- American University
- Hampton University
- Howard University
- Lafayette College
- Montgomery College
- Morgan State University
- North Carolina A&T State University
- Philander Smith College
- Spelman College
- Stanford University
- SUNY Oswego
- Temple University
- Trinity Washington University
- Tufts University
- University of the District of Columbia
- University of Rochester
- Washington College
- Xavier University of Louisiana

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