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Students in the 2002 Cultural Diversity Research Experience in class with Dr. Ken Rosenman.



Future Doctors Rally for Equality

On April 16, 2002, CHM students rallied in support of "Eliminating Health Care Disparities: A Prescription for the 21st Century." It was called the Michigan Health Care Rally and sponsored by the CHM and American Medical Student Association, AMSA.

The occasion started with a pre-rally gathering in front of MSU Life Sciences Building at 12 noon. Activities shifted to the State Capitol where Mark Rabbat, AMSA co-president gave his welcoming remarks after which rally speeches began. Notable among the speakers were Dr. Ruth Hoppe, Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean, CHM and keynote speaker Dr. Quentin Young, an internist from Hyde Park Chicago and a Clinical Professor of preventive medicine at the University of Illinois Medical Center.



Student National Medical Association members

"CHM students gathered here today are shocked because this rich country lags behind other countries which have far fewer resources than we do, to make a difference in terms of health for the public. We lag behind in terms of immunization rates, infant mortality and access to basic health care services. It shocks our students the way we distribute health care as a commodity, much like we distribute television sets and automobiles. The more money you have, the more of it you can purchase and our students are very

concerned about that." Ruth Hoppe, M.D., CHM Associate Dean.



A cross-section of the audience



Some AMSA members holding banner

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2002 Summer Research Experience

Six students took part in this year's cultural diversity experience which ran its usual course of six weeks, from June 9 to August 2.

Seminars and workshops covered areas such as biostatistics led by Dr. Peter Vasilenko; epidemiology, Dr. Ellen Velie; medical resources on the web, John Coffey; and ethics in research, Dr. Howard Brody. Others were health services research, Dr. David Nerenz; physicians doing research, Dr. Ken Rosenman and presenting a research presentation led by Dr. Christopher Reznich.

Several faculty members served as research mentors. They include Dr. Francesca Dwamena, Dr. LeeAnne Roman, Dr. Ihuoma Eneli, Dr. Janet Osuch and Dr. Karen Williams who is also the coordinator of the yearly summer research experience.

Student participants were Michelle Covalt, Shana Ntiri, Roxana Siles, Talawnda Thompson, Louanne Tourangeau and Nakia Williams.



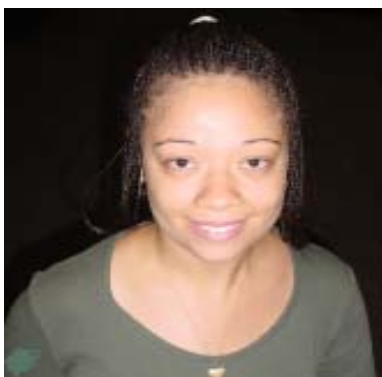
Ntiri: "Systematic Chart Review: Lessons from the Literature & Proposals for the Future."



Siles: "Factors Associated with Breast Cancer Screening among Latinas."



Tourangeau: "Low Birth Weight Infants and Preterm Delivery in the African American Population and How the Chronic Stress of Racial Discrimination may affect the Infants."



Covalt: "African-American Women and their Recruitment into Preventive Trials for Breast Cancer."

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Thompson: "The Effects of Maternal Infection on Preterm Delivery in African American Women".



Williams: "Breastfeeding Initiation among African American Women."

ABLE Poster Session

This year the Neuroscience NOP 590 class of 10 students fulfilled one of the requirements in the course taught by Dr. Kathryn Lovell, by developing and taking part in a poster session. The students designed the posters for patient education focusing on the neurological aspects of a particular disease.

Topics the students covered included multiple sclerosis, huntington's disease, stroke, hypertension, lewy body dementia, and herpes simplex encephalitis.

The class list reads: Lisa Marie Aenlle, LeQuishia Alexander, Barika Butler, Corey Graham, Rojelio Mejia, Matthew Slendebroek, Sara Smith, Shironda Stewart, Nakia Williams and Taying Yang.

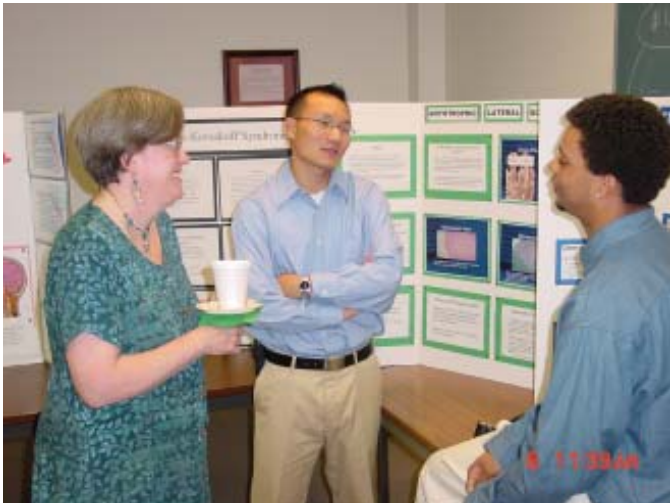
The Advanced Baccalaureate Learning Experience (ABLE) Program is a thirteen-month, enriched academic experience offered each year to a select group of eight disadvantaged students who have applied for admissions to the College of Human Medicine (CHM).



Dr. Lovell (sitting, center) and the students



Matthew Slendebroek researched about spina bifida



Dr. Lovell exchanging ideas with students



Shironda Stewart's poster was about multiple sclerosis

PAP Teaches more than Just Academics



“The great medical school system has two faults: it does not train enough doctors, and it is a far cry from our ideal of equality of educational opportunity.”

Vannevar Bush (1890-?)
Modern Arms & Free men

Formal preparations for the Medical College Admission Test, MCAT, for students in the Pre-medical Achievement Program, PAP, were concluded on August 1, 2002 with a luncheon.

The seven-week drill consisted of science and math classes, and personal development sessions geared towards preparing to scale through the MCAT, stay focused to face the challenges of medical school and beyond.

Students in this year's episode were: Olajumoke Johnson, Alicia Roberts, Alma Dehdashti, Darnika Rhodes, Joseph Harb, Natalie Wallace, Sheila Feaster, Crystal Brown, Ebon Talifarro, Saminder Singh, Chioma Atueyi, Laura Gonzalez, Kasandra Scales, Kenequia Parker, Tia Towns and Daniel Barba.

Premedical Achievement Program is a CHM-sponsored summer program aimed at minority and disadvantaged students who are interested in pursuing a career in the health profession. The seven-week

enrichment program was designed to provide juniors, seniors and recent graduates with intensive science course review to enhance their preparation for the MCAT. The PAP incorporates structured activities of a commercial MCAT review program with standard lectures that cover basic science concepts in areas like organic and inorganic chemistry, biology and physics.

“To study the phenomena of disease(s) without books is to sail an uncharted sea, while to study books without patients is not to go to sea at all.”

Aequanimitas, Books & Men

OTHER EVENTS



Graduating students



Dr. Leach

**“Everything will be Ok in the end,
and if it is not OK, then it is not the end.” Anon.**

En route to Residency

At the 19th annual Minority Senior Recognition ceremony this year, 23 graduating seniors were honored by the Student National Medical Association.

Brian Williams, one of the graduating students, stated in the occasion’s program (as did every graduating student), his favorite quote: “If better is possible, good is not enough.” Michael King, also a graduating student, chose one from Anon: “Everything will be OK in the end, and if it is not OK, then it’s not the end.”

But David Leach, M.D., guest of honor and the commencement speaker based his speech, largely on those quotes. Off the cuffs, he espoused on their powerful underlying meanings and explored their possible implications in the medical practice, a theme he gave an encore the next day during his commencement speech, among other things.



Glenn Davis, CHM Dean



Hilda Ferrarer, SNMA co-president and Brian Williams



Nakia Williams & Chamara Hasan



A cross-section of the audience listening to Dr. Satcher.

Dr. Satcher at CHM

Erstwhile Surgeon General of the United States, David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D., was at MSU with a message that was aimed at “Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health: Where Do We Go From Here?”.

His visit was organized by the MSU IDEA Coordinators Social Justice Series and sponsored by a host of offices and departments including the CHM Center of Excellence in Minority Medical Education and Health, the College of Education and Office of the Provost.

Dr Satcher stressed that the commitment to eliminate disparity in the health sector was increasingly important because of the nation’s diversity.

“We spend more per capita than any other country in the world. We spend a great percentage of the GNP on health than most countries; etc., yet, the 2000 WHO Health System Efficiency report ranked the US 37th out of 189 countries.”

The logic, he explains, “is that, in spite of all the money we spend, there are still a huge number of people that are left out in the healthcare delivery system.” He gives the example of over 40 million people that are uninsured in this country.

David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D., served as the 16th Surgeon General of the United States from 1998-2002, and as Assistant Secretary for Health from 1998-2001. He has also held the posts of Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Administration of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

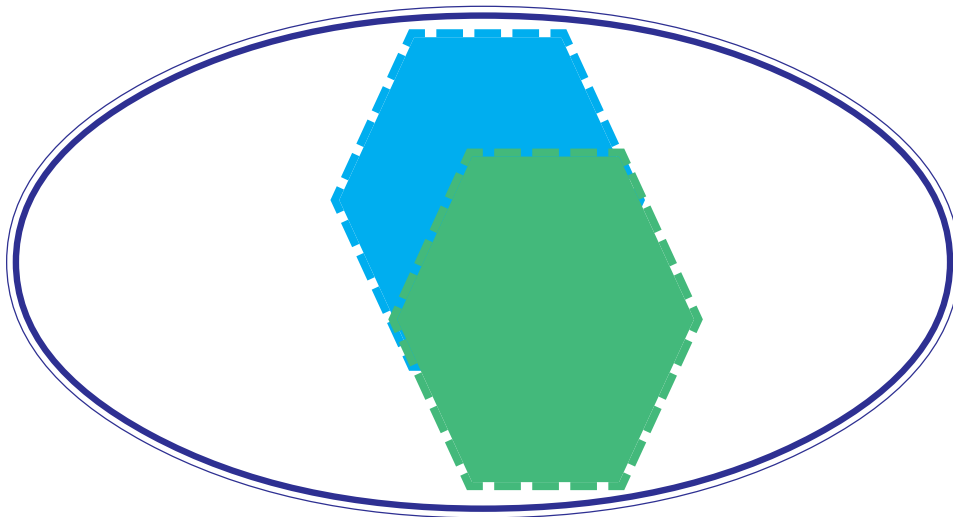
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