The Health Careers Program has a long-standing legacy of preparing young women to become health professionals. As we reflect on 2015, it was a time for the program to continue to grow in different areas to enhance the advisement, recruitment and acceptance of our students into graduate and professional school. Our Northeast Spring Break Recruitment Tour was a success, as well as the 2015 Health Professions Week. Our week consisted of a Health Fair and Red Cross Blood Drive, the AUC Recruitment Fair, Georgia Dwelle, MD Networking Reception with area Health Professionals, and our Health Professions Conference. The Conference speakers were from such affiliated professional schools as Georgetown, UCONN, Medical Univ of SC, and Boston Univ. We strengthened our pipelines with many of our partners and created new affiliation agreements to continue the pipeline of students entering graduate and professional school. 2015 also marked the beginning of the first Spelman-Princeton Review MCAT standardized test prep course. We are excited about the future and thank the Spelman Community, Alumnae, and Atlanta-based health professionals for their continued support and collaborative spirit. Dr. Rosalind Gregory-Bass
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Red Cross Blood Drive
To kick off our Health Professions Week, the Spelman College Health Careers Program partnered with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive. Through the thoughtful contributions of the Spelman Community, we exceeded our goal. Our next drive is Wed, March 16, 2016.

Did you know?
• According to the Red Cross, someone in the United States needs blood every two seconds.
• A single car accident victim may require as many as 100 units (roughly 1 pint) of blood.
• Blood that is genetically similar is the best option for individuals suffering from diseases like sickle cell anemia who need multiple transfusions. Your blood donation has a huge impact on our community.

Georgia Dwelle Reception
The Georgia Dwelle reception is an annual event with engaging Spelman Alumni from various health professions, as well as current Spelman women on the same path. This reception is in recognition of Dr. Georgia Rooks Dwelle, the first Spelman graduate to attend medical school. Valuable networking and bonding took place as everyone heavily engaged in conversation, food, and the traditional passing of the torch. The event was an inspiration to all of those striving for greatness.

Health Careers Program Health Professions Conference
The Health Careers Program hosted its 5th annual Health Professions Conference on October 3, 2015. This year’s theme was “Preparing Students to Make a Global Difference in Health Care.” Dr. Samantha Kaplan, Board Certified Obstetrician Gynecologist and Assistant Professor at Boston University School of Medicine, gave the keynote address highlighting 21st century health disparities that impact underrepresented minorities. Dr. Kaplan is the Director of the Boston University Early Medical School Selection Program.
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Health Professions Recruitment Fair

Spelman College partnered with the Atlanta University Center Pre-Health Advisors Committee, Clark Atlanta University and Morehouse College to host the Atlanta University Center Health Professional School Recruitment Fair. The event was attended by close to thirty medical and health professional schools, giving students the opportunity to interact with admissions counselors and current students in a multitude of disciplines. Thank you to all of our sponsor institutions for making this such a successful event.

Here’s what you had to say:

- “The conference was very beneficial to me. I feel like it gave me a leg up in terms of my...getting in to medical school.”
- “Excellent...motivating! I loved it!”

Participating Programs

USA College of Medicine, University of Connecticut Health Sciences Center, Georgetown University, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Wright State Boonshoft School of Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health, Drexel University Allied Health Programs, Emory School of Medicine, Emory School of Nursing, Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, RUSH University Medical Center, University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, University of Rochester School of Dental Medicine, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Emory School of Dentistry, US Army Medical Officer Program/Navy, Recruiting District Atlanta, UC Berkeley, PCOM School of Pharmacy GA Campus, Georgia Regents University, Virginia Tech Carillion School of Medicine, GSU School of Public Health, Campbell University, Morehouse School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine, Uniformed Services University of Health Services
Health Careers Student Spotlight

Tamara Byrd is a junior Psychology major with an interest in medicine from Harvey, Illinois. In addition to her stellar academic record, Ms. Byrd attended SMDEP at the University of Washington in Seattle and was a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Scholar. Her research on multi-chemoresistant ovarian cancer garnered her a 2nd place award at our annual Research Day. Tamara has extended her interest abroad, having had three global experiences in Malaga, Spain, Cuenca, Ecuador, and Trinidad and Tobago. Upon graduating from Spelman, Tamara plans to attend medical school. She has already been accepted to Meharry Medical College and is anticipating others offers, as well.

Faith Kirkland is a junior Biology major from Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. In addition to being a member of the Ethel Waddell Githii Honors Program, Faith is a Deans Scholarship recipient, National Achievement Scholar, and member of the Alpha Epsilon Delta National Honor Society. She is also a charter member of Spelman’s Beta Beta Beta Biological Society and an H.C.O.P.P.P. Scholar. Faith has been accepted to numerous schools and upon graduating from Spelman, plans to obtain her doctoral degrees in physical therapy (DPT/PhD) from Emory University in Atlanta, GA.