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Mark Your Calendars!

**August 7th**
New Student Orientation
Meeting with HCP Office

**August 10th**
New Student Orientation
General Meeting for Pre-Health Profession Students

**August 17th-August 18th**
HCOPPP Retreat

**September 6th and 20th, October 11th, November 1st and 15th**
Lunch and Learn
Location: Manley President’s Dining Room

**September 8th and 22nd, October 6th, November 3rd and 17th**
HCOPPP Meeting

**October 20th**
HCOPPP Anniversary Breakfast

**October 22nd**
Student Advisement for Spring Semester 2019 Begins

**October 25th**
AUC Health Professional School Recruitment Fair
Location: Clark Atlanta University
Thomas Cole Research Center

Message from the Director

Over the past year, the Health Careers Program (HCP) has been in a season of growth and reflection. We are committed to providing an informative and nurturing experience for our students, as well as thoughtful recruitment that will lead to their acceptance to the top institutions. Our year began with the start of a Living and Learning Community for our first year students interested in healthcare, followed by the Atlanta University Center Recruitment Fair. The fair was attended by a diversity of health professional schools from across the country.

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Chairperson and Associate Professor, Environmental and Health Sciences Program
Director, Health Careers Program
Spelman College
Health Careers Program Activities Summary

The Health Careers Program Office sponsors activities throughout the school year to help students achieve their goal of becoming health professionals. We bring recruiters and guest speakers from all around the country to engage with students and expose them to various aspects of the health field. The Health Careers Program Office staff members also develop workshops and seminars to help students not only navigate the application, interview, and standardized test taking process, but also to show the different opportunities for students once they acquire their professional or graduate degrees. Additionally, staff members provide one-on-one advisement for students who are interested in the health field, regardless of major.

The Health Careers Program Office is conveniently located in Tapley, suite 126. We encourage all students who are interested in the health field to drop by often to learn about our upcoming programming. Students can also access our programming events by adding our Google Calendar using the following link: https://tinyurl.com/yalfdv7z.

![Lunch and Learn Series Graph](image)

"Get to Know Your Future Profession" Series

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Nursing
- Public Health
- Veterinary Medicine, Podiatry, Optometry
- Physician Assistant
- Pharmacy
- Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy

Other Activities
- Health Careers Informational Meeting (New Student Orientation)
- Health Careers Sophomore Class Meeting
- Health Careers Junior/Senior Class Meeting
- Health Science Major—All Class Meeting
- University of Michigan Reception
- AUC Consortium Graduate School Fair
- Tailgate Breakfast—Morehouse Homecoming Breakfast
- MCAT Application and Strategy Meeting
- On-Campus MCAT Preparation Course
- Mock Interview Day and Luncheon
- Spring Blood Drive
- CPR Certification Day
- Augusta College of Nursing Tour
- Welcome Back Open House
- AMCAS—The Medical School Application Process
- Senior Honors and Recognition Ceremony
- AED Induction Ceremony
The major in Health Sciences provides an interdisciplinary approach to recognizing, evaluating and understanding key theories and concepts associated with individual health and wellness. Students also are educated about various pathophysiologic conditions and their global impact on society. It includes courses in the natural sciences, public health, health informatics, and a clinical practicum to enhance their interdisciplinary critical analysis of disease processes using both quantitative and qualitative problem-solving skills. The major will also give a comprehensive overview of the career options available in the healthcare field in their Introduction to the Health Sciences Course, Global Health Experience, and Research and Evaluation Course.

Health Science majors are integrally engaged in Health Careers Program Office events and activities, as well. Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Spelman students participated in Morehouse School of Medicine’s First Look Program. First Look provides undergraduate students with an opportunity to meet medical students, faculty, and admissions staff for an informative and interactive session on the admissions process, preparing for the MCAT, interviewing skills, how to successfully navigate medical school, and what it is like to be a practicing physician. Students also earned their CPR Certifications by participating in on-campus training. The Health Careers Club (HCC) is a student-run organization that provides students with opportunities to engage in various health/allied health professions. This year they sponsored such programs like a clinical skills workshop, a Thanksgiving Drive to collect non-perishable donations to give to the surrounding communities in the West End area, and “Rake It Up” which was an event to promote summer programs. During this event HCC leaders went over the different summer programs and how best for students to present themselves during the application process. Staff from CPD were in attendance to review student’s personal statements and resumes and to provide feedback on any other aspects of the application process. The Health Careers Program also sponsored a Blood Drive in the Spring.

Pictured: Health Science students participate in Morehouse School of Medicine’s First Look Program

Pictured: Health Science students receive CPR Training from certified trainer Corey Murray

Pictured: Health Careers Club students participate in Rake It up Summer Program Preparation

Pictured: National Health Professions Week 2017, November 5th-9th, sponsored by the Health Careers Club
The Spelman College Health Careers Program Office welcomed a diverse group of speakers to enlighten students during our bimonthly Lunch and Learn Series. Among our presenters was Staff Sergeant Vanessa Hall who spoke about the many opportunities for health professionals in the United States Army. Our office also hosted representatives from many graduate and professional schools including various schools of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, and physical therapy. Additionally, students had the opportunity to meet with community professionals like Jennifer Smith, who is an Epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and an Officer in the US Public Health Service and Dr. Sonya Sloan, who is a contract orthopedic surgeon.

Is there a health profession that you would like to learn more about? Stop by the Health Careers Program Office to learn more about these and many other rewarding careers as a health professional!

![Pictured: Students listen to a presentation by Ms. Whitney Bennett and Ms. Toby Hudson from The University of Queensland, Australia School of Medicine.](image1)

![Pictured: Jeffrey Taylor from Harvard University School of Dental Medicine speaks with students about the application process.](image2)

![Pictured: Dr. Kendalle Cobb from Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University discussing the school’s unique program.](image3)

![Pictured: Orthopedic Surgeon, Dr. Sonya Sloan and Dr. Blash with students after a discussion about women in medicine.](image4)
Spelman College Health Careers Program Trips

Each year, health career students travel to attend conferences, workshops, and recruitment opportunities both locally and around the country. This is an opportunity for students to not only learn about the schools and programs that they may be interested in, but also, it is a chance for students to network with leaders in the community.

The Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) was held in November of 2017 in Phoenix, Arizona. Many students from Spelman College who are participants in the Health Careers Program attended as oral and poster presenters at the conference. While at the conference, students were able to meet with Dr. Alyx Porter, C’99 of the Mayo Clinic as she shared a few words of wisdom. Dr. Blash and Mr. Williams took a small group of students to the College of Nursing at Augusta University to tour the campus, speak to recent graduates of the school, and learn about their CNL program.

Pictured: Spelman students at The Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students, (ABRCMS) which was held November 1st - 4th 2017 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Pictured: Aspiring Nurses visit the College of Nursing at Augusta University

Pictured: Dr. Blash with Spelman students and alumna Alexis Wasson, MPH, at the College of Nursing at Augusta University
Health Informatics

During the 2017-2018 academic year, Spelman College launched its first Health Informatics Course. It is a required core course in the Health Science Major Curriculum. This course introduces Health Informatics to students who desire to interface with the healthcare community as part of their professional careers. The course covers content including definitions, theory, technologies, workflow and expectations in the informatics field, tools, and professional organizations. Class material involves discussions, computer lab based modules, and guest speakers. This year students heard from speakers like alumna Raymonda Scrivner, a radiologist in Louisville, KY, who described how electronic medical records allows her to read radiologic films from home and interface with multiple health care entities in a given day.

Adjunct professor and Health Informaticist, Jaytriece Usher partnered with Morehouse School of Medicine during the second semester for the MOYO Project. The primary purpose of this project is to utilize a community-based participatory approach to: (1) Provide young people with the opportunity to work as “citizen-scientists” in co-creating a cell-phone-based community to improve their prospects for a healthier future and help end heart disease, (2) Assist in the learning process of young people to improve their education and employment opportunities. Each student group in the class developed a cellular application prototype to expose college-aged students about cardiovascular (CV) risk factors and interventions to prevent CV disease. Community partners from the Atlanta Healthcare Sector came to evaluate all student presentations. Because of this experience, Health Science Students were also afforded the opportunity to do summer internships with the City of Atlanta and receive, future training/certification in the field to enhance workforce development in a critical shortage area. This project is a great model for students to discover the nexus between health science, technology, nutrition, and business.
Spelman College is part of the Atlanta University Center. Pre-Health Profession Programs at Spelman, Clark Atlanta University and Morehouse College host the annual Health Professions Recruitment Fair. Last fall over 50 medical, dental, public health, nursing and allied health programs were represented from across the country. Morehouse College hosted the fair at its Leadership Center. Students from all three campuses participated and learned about prerequisites needed for acceptance, summer program opportunities, and networked with admission committee representatives. Next fall, CAU will host the fair on October 25, 2018 in the Thomas Cole Science and Research Center.
In 2015, Johnson & Johnson (J&J) launched the WiSTEM2D program. The acronym refers to Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Manufacturing, and Design (STEM2D). Spelman students who received the J & J scholarship were awarded $10,000.

The goal of the program is to women of all ages and throughout every cycle of their educational and professional lives in STEM2D fields, as well as expand the field of focus by including manufacturing and design. Johnson and Johnson aims to cultivate STEM2D interests at an early age and to help young women continue to grow and develop in these areas, so they are prepared and positioned to pursue higher education and careers in STEM2D. With this foundation, women are primed to make valuable contributions to their communities, companies, and the world in the years and decades ahead.

![Pictured: J & J scholars and Associate Director, Dr. Alayna Blash at the Johnson and Johnson Plant in Cornelia, Georgia](image-url)
H.C.O.P.P.P. Scholars

The Health Career Opportunities Pipeline Preparation Program (H.C.O.P.P.P) was developed by Dr. Rosalind Gregory-Bass in the fall of 2008. The purpose of the program is to prepare pre-health students with the skills necessary to become capable and knowledgeable health care professionals. H.C.O.P.P.P. provides mentorship, professional, personal, and academic development opportunities for aspiring physicians, dentists, pharmacists, public health specialists, nurses, and other medical professionals. Students are eligible to apply to become an H.C.O.P.P.P. scholar in the fall of their sophomore year.

On August 19, 2017, H.C.O.P.P.P. held its annual retreat at the Spelman College Science Center. This year 38 sophomore, junior, and senior level students attended. Students were able to start the academic year learning about the diversity of health professional careers, best practices for success at the undergraduate level, and how to apply for early acceptance/early assurance programs. Guest speakers for this year’s retreat included Spelman Alumna, Sean Fling, C’2011, who was in the first class of HCOPPP Scholars. Sean is currently an Emergency Medicine Resident at Carolinas Health System in Charlotte, NC. Recent Spelman graduate, Imani White, C’2016, is a second year MPH candidate at Tulane University with a concentration in Disaster Management. Students also heard from Spelman Alumna and pharmacist, Dr. Erin Searles, C’2003. All speakers provided insight into their academic and career development, which the current students appreciated. Next year, the group looks forward to celebrating 10 years of the HCOPPP Scholars Initiative, which is designed to increase the number of Spelman women entering the healthcare workforce.
Mock Interview Day and Luncheon 2018

The Health Careers Program once again held a round of mock interviews on February 10th to best prepare our students for the interview process. This year, we invited Spelman alumnae, campus professors, faculty from Morehouse School of Medicine, community leaders, and professional school admissions officers to conduct the interviews. Since many schools employ the use of Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs), as well as traditional one-on-one interviews, students participated in both types of encounters. Once the interviews were completed, students were able to rotate back through their stations to receive constructive feedback from their interviewers about their performance. Twenty nine interviewers and 42 students participated in the event.

Pictured: Angelica Izuogu being interviewed by Epidemiologist, Keydra L. Phillips Oladapo, C’2005 via Skype while Ms. Oladapo is stationed in Mozambique

Pictured: Dermatologist, Dr. Alia Sampson Brown, C’2000 between MMI interviews

Pictured: Student Ariana Danzy getting her professional headshot by Starborn Media
Mock Interview Day and Luncheon 2018

Between the morning and afternoon sessions, students and guests participated in a luncheon featuring, keynote speakers, Art and Kim Bright from Starborn Media who gave a speech on Self-Branding and Marketing. Additionally, students and guests were able to take free professional headshots provided by Starborn Media.

Let the Health Careers Program help you prepare for the upcoming interview cycle. Stop by the Health Careers Office to ask us how!

Pictured Above: Art Bright from Starborn Media delivering the Keynote address about marketing oneself

Pictured: Interviewers from the morning and afternoon sessions
The Health Careers Program at Spelman College is committed to making sure that Spelman women are positioned to be change agents in the healthcare field. Providing opportunities for students to be accepted to the nation’s top health professional schools is one of our core goals and objectives. We currently have 20 Affiliation Agreements and opportunities for students to obtain early acceptance to health professional schools as early as their first year at Spelman. This year, HCP staff visited our partner institutions and many of our partners came to Spelman meet our students and even serve as guest lecturers in the Introduction to Health Science Course.

**Pictured:** Dr. Gary Hill from Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn University Campus is the guest lecturer at the Intro to Health Science Course

**Pictured:** Chante Hendrix from University of South Alabama Medical School is speaker at Health Careers Program Lunch and Learn Workshop

**Pictured:** Pre-dental students visit Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry for Dental Impressions Program

**Pictured:** Pre-nursing students visit Emory’s School of Nursing Research Day and learn about their simulation and clinical education program

**Pictured:** White Coat Ceremony for the 2018 class of Spelman Students who were accepted to the Morehouse School of Medicine Undergraduate Health Science Academy
Pipeline Programs

- University of South Alabama School of Medicine
- University of Wisconsin-Rural and Urban Scholars Program
- Georgetown University-Masters of Physiology and Biophysics, Complementary and Alternative Medicine Program
- Boston University Early Medical School Selection Program
- Boston University Masters of Public Health Select Scholars Program
- University of Connecticut Dental School Early Assurance Program
- University of Rochester, Medical School Early Acceptance Program
- Augusta University, Accelerated Nursing Program and Clinical Nurse Leader Master’s Program
- Rush University Nursing School, Accelerated Nursing Program and Clinical Nurse Leader Master’s Program
- Vanderbilt University School of Medicine Early Assurance Program
- Lake Erie College of Medicine- School of Dentistry
- Lake Erie College of Medicine- School of Pharmacy
- Lake Erie College of Medicine- School of Osteopathic Medicine
- Nova Southeastern University School of Optometry
- Auburn University, Master of Science in Exercise Science
- Emory University School of Nursing
- University of Michigan College of Pharmacy
- Morehouse School of Medicine Undergraduate Health Science Academy
- Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn University Campus Early Assurance Program
- University of Rochester, Nursing Program
- Medical University College of Medicine (SUNY) Guaranteed Entrance Program
2018 MEDICAL SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES

Jordan Branch, C’2018
Shelly Cobb, C’2017
Asia Payne, C’2017
Alexandria Daniels C’2018
Jasmine Eatman C’2017
Aiyana Batton, C’2015
Kierra Parker, C’2017
Orrianne Morrison, C’2016
Asha Lindsey, C’2015
Bryanna Stakes, C’2013
Asha Cotterell, C’2016
Carmen Brooks, C’2013
Kymber Brown, C’2014
Karen Joyce-King, C’2004
Dominique White, C’2015
Phylicia Thomas, C’2010
Keiwana Glover, C’2013
Taylor Williams-Hamilton, C’2017
Reymualde Danger, C’2014

University of Louisville School of Medicine
University of Tennessee College of Medicine
Wright State Univ. Boonshoft School of Medicine
Ross University School of Medicine
Emory University School of Medicine (MD/PhD)
Howard University College of Medicine
Indiana University School of Medicine
RUSH Medical College
Meharry Medical College
Duke University School of Medicine
Meharry Medical College
Howard University College of Medicine
Western Univ. College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific
Kansas City Univ. College of Osteopathic Medicine
VCOM-Auburn
PCOM-Philadelphia
Saba University School of Medicine
Morehouse School of Medicine
VCOM-Carolina

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2018 DENTAL SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES

Courtney Eato, C’2016
Brittney Gant, C’2014
Takiya Jefferson, C’2013
Terri White, C’2013
Justice Johnson, C’2016
Rashanique Duplessis, C’2016

Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
Howard University College of Dentistry
Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
Meharry College of Dentistry
### 2018 VETERINARY MEDICINE ACCEPTANCES

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<td>Bailee Cooper, C’2018</td>
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Top Row: Dr. Rosalind Gregory Bass, Director of Health Careers Program; Dr. Alayna Blash, Associate Director of the Health Careers Program  
Bottom Row: Yetunde Afuwape, Pre-Health Advisor and Communications Specialist; Lori Simon, Administrative Assistant

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