The Spring Semester is always an exciting time to observe how the seasons change. We also witnessed the metamorphosis of students becoming more connected to their passions and obtaining the skills necessary to be successful. Our first year students will be sophomores and our seniors will transition to becoming alumnae in a few short weeks. Looking back on the semester, our programming was better than ever. We had six Lunch and Learn speakers, conducted mock interviews, and our students attended four conferences in the southeast. The Health Careers Program also welcomed the Johnson and Johnson Corporation for the STEM2D Town Hall Conversation about barriers and triumphs of women in sciences. The best part of the spring semester was celebrating our students’ acceptances to competitive clinical and research summer programs, as well as graduate and professional schools. Overall, we remained committed to making a difference in the recruitment, retention and acceptance of students so that they can make a national and global difference in healthcare.

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In February, the Spelman College Health Careers Program took 34 Spelman students on a three-day recruitment trip. The staff and students travelled to the Medical University of South Carolina to participate in the 17th annual Ernest E. Just Scientific Symposium. This annual symposium honors the life and scientific accomplishments of Charleston, South Carolina native Ernest E. Just. Just was by all standards a medical genius. He graduated at 13 years old, with a teaching degree, went on to Boston College and PhD from Dartmouth. Dr. Just authored over 50 scientific papers in the field of physiology and is a pioneer in cell biology. Students had the opportunity to meet with admissions staff, current students, and professors. The 2-day symposium also included a tour of the expansive MUSC campus, including the Colleges of Graduate Studies, Medicine, Dental Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Professions. This recruitment trip also included an educational tour of the history and culture of the city of Charleston, complete with a tour of the Sea Islands.

The group then travelled to Augusta, Georgia to participate in the “Igniting the Dream” medical conference. While there, students were engaged in seminars focusing on the AAMCAS application, presentations from representatives from the medical school, and information on MCAT prep resources. Several Spelman students also participate in the student poster session, Mock interviews, and various simulation modules.
In February of this year, Spelman College welcomed its inaugural Johnson & Johnson STEM2D class of scholars. These nine young women represent the first cohort of Spelman students to receive the award. Each recipient received $10,000. In 2015, Johnson & Johnson launched the WiSTEM2D program. The acronym refers to Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Manufacturing, and Design (STEM2D).

The goal of the program is to engage girls and 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 & Johnson aims to cultivate STEM2D interests at an early age and 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, girls and women are primed to make valuable contributions to their communities, companies, and the world in the years and decades ahead.
The scholars were introduced to the Spelman College community via an hour-long town hall conversation hosted by the Health Careers Program. The conversation was moderated by Health Careers Program Director Dr. Rosalind Gregory-Bass. Dr. Bass was joined on the panel by Taira D. Bell, Director, Global Brand Protection, Consumer and Lauren Carter-El, Strategy Manager, US OTC Supply Chain, Johnson & Johnson.

Mrs. Taira Bell of Johnson & Johnson presents Spelman College Health Careers Program with $10,000 check for first cohort of Johnson & Johnson STEM2D scholars. Pictured (L-R): Shelese Lane, Dr. Bass and President Campbell

Dr. Campbell pictured with Johnson and Johnson STEM2D scholar, Kay-Cei Moton-Melancon, C’17, during the Johnson & Johnson Town Hall Conversation

Environmental and Health Science Chair, Dr. Albert Thompson addresses participants in the Johnson & Johnson Town Hall Conversation. Pictured (L-R: Dr. Thompson, Dr. Bass, Mrs. Lauren Carter-El and Mrs. Taira Bell).
The semester, the U. S. Army visited the Health Careers Program to sponsor a suture clinic. U.S. Army surgeon Michael Plotkowski, led students through hands on training exercises demonstrating various suture styles and techniques.

Many medical schools employ the use of the multiple mini interview (MMI) format in their interview process. To best prepare our students, the Health Careers Program once again held a round of mock interviews. These 30-minute sessions allowed students to simulate actual interview conditions with Health Career staff, as well as faculty from our chemistry department and Morehouse School of Medicine. Once the interviews were completed, students were given constructive feedback on their performance. While preference is given to juniors and seniors, all classifications are welcomed to participate. Let the Health Careers Program help you prepare for the upcoming interview cycle. Stop by the Health Careers Office to ask us how!

Zhana Bishop, C’2020, preparing for her first mock interview.

Morehouse College student Torrean Johnson with Dr. Frank Jones of Morehouse School of Medicine, during one of his three simulated mock interview scenarios.
The Spelman College Health Careers Program welcomed a diversity of speakers to enlighten students during our bi-monthly Lunch and Learn series. Among our presenters were Dr. Selwyn Howard, owner of Last Word in Sports and Chairman in the Department of Anesthesiology at Rockdale Medical Center. Students also heard from Kristen Folsom, MPH, in the division of smoking cessation at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Staff Sergeant Vanessa Hall spoke to students about her experience and the many opportunities to serve as a health professional in the United States Army. 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!

The Spelman College Health Careers Club in conjunction with the American Red Cross, sponsored its annual Spring Blood Drive in March. Raffles were held for Chick-Fil-A and Starbucks gift cards to selected participants. The club was able to exceed its goal of 100 pints as a total of 129 pints were donated! Health Careers Club President, Dina Carter, C’2017, stated, “We are very excited about success of this semester’s blood drive event! A special note of thanks to the entire AUC community for their support of our efforts to help lives.”
Health Careers Program 2017 Health Professional School and Summer Program Acceptances

Lamani Adkins  
Senior, Biology Major  
Medical – Wayne State, Duke, Oakland University/Beaumont SOM, Michigan State, Indiana University

Chloe Blackmon  
Junior, Biology Major  
ACSEP Howard University College of Pharmacy

Alicia Bouligny  
Sophomore, Health Science Major  
UREP Mayo Clinic

Kailyn Brooks  
Senior, International Studies  
Public Health Minor  
MPH – Rollins School of Public Health Emory University

Lauren Brown  
Sophomore Biology Major  
SHPEP University of Iowa

Ariana Danzy  
Sophomore, Biology Major  
SHPEP Columbia, LSU

Alanna Davis  
Sophomore, Health Science Major  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Rural and Urban Scholars in Community Health (RUSCH)

Illiyah Edwards  
Sophomore, Health Science Major  
SHPEP Rutgers

Jodian Grant  
Junior, Health Science Major  
Miami Miller School of Medicine  
Minority Student in Health Careers Motivation Program
Health Careers Program 2017 Health Professional School and Summer Program Acceptances

**Simone Sawyer**  
Senior, Psychology/Public Health Minor  
MPH - Johns Hopkins, UGA, George Washington, Columbia, Emory

**Jaliyah Spann**  
Freshman, Health Science Major  
USA South Med Prep Scholars

**Aliana Lawrence**  
Sophomore, Biology Major  
Emory SURE/PERSE

**Star-Kayla Lewis**  
Sophomore, Biology Major  
Summer Undergraduate Research Program at Michigan State University

**Monica McGee**  
Senior, Biology Major  
Medical – Cornell, New York University, Albert Einstein, SUNY-Downstate

**Sydney Miller**  
Junior, Biology Major  
Genentech Animal Resources

**Shami-Iyabo Mitchell**  
Sophomore, Biology Major  
Yale BioMed SURF

**Erica Riddick**  
Junior, Biology Major  
T-SRF Weill Cornell Medicine

**Jaliyah Spann**  
Freshman, Health Science Major  
USA South Med Prep Scholars

**Simone Sawyer**  
Senior, Psychology/Public Health Minor  
MPH - Johns Hopkins, UGA, George Washington, Columbia, Emory

**Katelyn Williams**  
Junior, Biology Major  
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