Congratulations

CLASS OF

2020

SPECIAL EDITION HIGHLIGHTING ACCEPTANCES OF HEALTH CAREERS STUDENTS
Faith, Hope and Love.

The 2019-2020 academic year was unprecedented. It allowed us to celebrate each other during the fall Healthcare Summit, see the highest number of recruiters during the AUC Health Professions Recruitment Fair and successfully graduate the second cohort of Health Science majors. We also have been shaken by the COVID-19 Pandemic, which has moved us to see the world and each other differently. Though shaken, we are not defeated. We are an institution of Faith. Believing that we will come out stronger on the other side and knowing all that we need to accomplish our mission will be made available. We are Hopeful for a better tomorrow and strive to instill that hope in our students, so that they can continue to be of service to others. Because we Love what we do as a Health Careers Program, the staff take this time to celebrate the perseverance, grit and tenacity of our students. Our current students and alumnae continue to gain acceptance to the nation's top graduate and professional schools, as well as, public health fellowships.

Congratulations to all of our graduates and scholars featured in this month's newsletter!

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President-elect, National Association of Medical Minority Educators
It is no surprise that we have so many medical school acceptances this year. As Spelman Women we expect nothing less. We are still ranked in the top 10 of institutions in the country that have the highest number of African Americans applying to medical school and the only college in the top 40. The Health Careers Program staff have continued to work tirelessly to provide programs and recruitment opportunities for students to enhance their competitiveness and awareness of the application process. These students stand on shoulders of alumnae Drs. Georgia Dwelle, Audrey Forbes Manley, Debra Prothro Stith, Virgina "Ginger" Floyd, Kyra Harvey, and Loren Robinson Abebe.

This year's efforts included:

- 2019 Homecoming Healthcare Summit
- Fall and Spring Town Hall Meeting
- Morehouse School of Medicine First Look Program
- Hosting the AUC Health Professions Recruitment Fair with over 90 Schools
- Fall and Spring Mock MCAT Examination Days
- Spring MCAT Prep Course
- Spring Application Seminar Series with Admissions Representatives from Wright State University, Morehouse School of Medicine, Meharry Medical College, and ECU Brody School of Medicine discussing personal statements, interviews, recommended activities, etc.
- Over 8 Lunch and Learns with Schools like Cleveland Clinic, UPENN, and University of Michigan
- 3 Student recruitment trips to Yale University, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medical School, Augusta University (Medical College of GA), Medical University of South Carolina
- Mock Interview Day with Spelman Alumnae Health Professionals
- And many more
2020-2021 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONAL ACCEPTANCES

MEDICINE

ANISA HOLLOMAN
Wright State Boonshoft School of Medicine
Meharry Medical College
Howard University College of Medicine

APRIL LEWIS
Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine,
Saint Louis University School of Medicine

CENDAL ATKINS
Tulane University School of Medicine
Tufts University School of Medicine
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
University of Texas Health Science Center--Houston (McGovern)
University of Alabama-Birmingham School of Medicine
University of Maryland School of Medicine

CRYSTAN HAWKINS
Ross University School of Medicine
Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

CYNTHIA ZIWAWO
Indiana University School of Medicine
Howard University College of Medicine
2020-2021 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONAL ACCEPTANCES

MEDICINE

DOMINIQUE MOSLEY *
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
Morehouse School of Medicine

ERICA RIDDICK
University of Mississippi School of Medicine
Howard University School of Medicine
Drexel University College of Medicine
Howard University College of Medicine
Meharry Medical College

NAJAH SOUDAN
University of Connecticut School of Medicine

SYDNEY MILLER
Howard University School of Medicine
Quinnipiac University Frank Netter School of Medicine
Meharry Medical College

KATELYN WILLIAMS
Saint Louis University School of Medicine

AMBRE FLOWERS
Morehouse School of Medicine
University of Louisville School of Medicine
2020-2021 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONAL ACCEPTANCES

MEDICINE

JALIYAH SPANN
Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

JAMILA WATSON
Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

Meharry Medical College

LENA WRIGHT
Meharry Medical College

LOREN COBB
Meharry Medical College

SYMONE FOWLER-CANTY
University of Illinois College of Medicine

ZAYANI SIMS
Howard University College of Medicine

DANIA BREWSTER
Morehouse School of Medicine

ABIANA ADAMSON
University of California San Francisco School of Medicine

Emory University
2020-2021 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONAL ACCEPTANCES

MEDICINE

JESSICA CORLEY
Meharry Medical College

COURTNEY PAYNE
Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

LENA WRIGHT
Meharry Medical College

GYGERIA MANUEL
Morehouse School of Medicine (MD-PhD)

SIMONE STINETTEE
Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

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Early Assurance Program Acceptances: Spelman has relationships with 10 Medical Schools. The goal is to capture highly qualified students early in their matriculation at Spelman and provide them with a unique opportunity to gain acceptance to some of the nation's top medical schools. For some of our programs the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) is not required. This year six students will be taking advantage of these medical programs.

*JACQUELYN WILLIS
Morehouse School of Medicine Early Assurance Program

*MIKAYLA WOODARD
Morehouse School of Medicine Early Assurance Program

*MORGAN STREET
Morehouse School of Medicine Early Assurance Program

*PEYTON BOLLING
Morehouse School of Medicine Early Assurance Program

*DENVER COOPER
University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry Early Assurance Program for Fall 2021

*ELISE JACKSON
Vanderbilt University Early Assurance Program for Fall 2023

*JOYA SIMS
University of Pennsylvania Perelman SOM Early Assurance Program for Fall 2023

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University of South Alabama School of Medicine Early Assurance Program
Nursing interest is on the rise again! Many may not know that even though Tuskegee is the first HBCU to offer the BSN in 1948, Spelman College (formally Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary) was the first institution on record to train newly freed slaves in 1886. Sophia Jones, MD was the University of MI's first Black woman graduate and Spelman's first Black faculty member. She started the program in an effort to make sure highly qualified women were ready to serve the healthcare needs of the Black community. Many of our pre-nursing students obtain degrees in Health Science, Psychology, or Comparative Women's Studies, before matriculating at our partner institutions. Most programs offer an accelerated 1 year licensure program and MSN or MS CNL degree. All programs offer opportunities to advance to the DNP or PhD in Nursing. Our acceptances this year include those institutions and many others.

**Nursing School Partners:**
- Rush University
- Emory University
- Augusta University
- Rochester University

**This year's efforts included:**

- 2019 Homecoming Healthcare Summit: Nursing Roundtable
- Nursing Informational Meeting
- Emory University School of Nursing Open House
- AUC Health Professions Recruitment Fair with many nursing schools present
- Mock Interview Day with Spelman Alumnae Health Professionals
- Continued use of Nursing GroupMe to enhance communication of opportunities for students
- And many more
2020-2021 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONAL ACCEPTANCES

NURSING

ELISE COOPER
Emory University Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing*
Johns Hopkins University

MARI BROWN
Duke University Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Johns Hopkins
Augusta University Master of Science in Nursing/Clinical Nurse Leader*
Rush University College of Nursing*

MAYA TUREAUD
Xavier University- Cincinnati, Ohio
Rush University College of Nursing*
Duke University
Johns Hopkins

MIA JONES
DePaul University Master's Entry Nursing Program
Saint Louis University
Accelerated Master of Science in Nursing/Clinical Nurse Leader
Augusta Master of Science in Nursing/Clinical Nurse Leader*

NIARAH RUSSELL
Johns Hopkins Master of Science in Nursing
Rush University College of Nursing*
2020-2021 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONAL ACCEPTANCES

NURSING

VIRSHAUNA BROWN
Menonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University,
Rush University College of Nursing

ZANDRA CLEMONS
Emory University School of Nursing
Augusta University College of Nursing
ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ALLIED HEALTH

One goal of the Health Careers Program is to expose students to the diversity of career fields in healthcare. Women are needed in every field and women of African Descent are in the minority in all fields compared to there White counterparts. Therefore, we are increasing efforts to expose Spelman students to every field imaginable, from physical therapy to health informatics. Our partner institutions include those for pharmacy school, optometry school and exercise science/kinesiology. Spelman alumnae are represented in all of these areas and we continue to celebrate them: Cierra Blanchard, OD, Karen Searles, PharmD, Winifred Dowdell, PharmD, Ashley Steele, SLP, Oluremi Onifade, DPT, Faith Kirkland, DPT, Nicole Fuller, DPT, Cayla Lowe, DPT, Bridget Peters DO, PhD in Exercise Science, Dannon Martin, PA, Jessica Posey, PA and so many more.

This year's efforts included:

- 2019 Homecoming Healthcare Summit: Pharmacy and Health Disparities Talk
- Dr. Searles visits Introduction to Health Science class as a panelists
- Lunch & Learn with Southern College of Optometry
- Spelman Alumna Oluremi Onifade partners with Health Careers Program to help sponsor National Assoc. of Black Physical Therapy Association Conference (pre-COVID) and AUC Chapter of NABPT is started
- AUC Health Professions Recruitment Fair has allied health programs represented
- Recruitment Trip to Medical University of SC exposes interested students in allied health professions
2020-2021 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
INSTITUTIONAL ACCEPTANCES

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

ALEXANDRA DANSBY
Emory University

OPTOMETRY

WINTER BEAMON
Kentucky College of Optometry at UPike
Midwestern University

PHARMACY

ALEXIS MORELAND
Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy
Now more than ever, public health professionals are needed to investigate and mitigate the burden of ill-health. As health disparities persist, the need for a broad spectrum of public health professionals has grown. The Spelman College Health Careers Program encourages students to pursue health career options that provide fulfillment and improve the health of the communities in which we live. Public health alumnae like Dr. Hazel Dean, Dr. NaTaki Osborne Jelks and Dr. Wilma Wooten provide key examples for our students to follow.

The Health Careers staff worked this year to foster relationships with graduate programs via recruitment sessions and institutional partnerships. Efforts included:

- 2019 Homecoming Healthcare Summit: Pharmacy and Health Disparities Talk
- Recruitment trip to the Medical University of South Carolina where we explored health professional programs
- Three students accepted into the Boston's Select Scholars Program
  
  Maya Barnes  
  Maya Thirkhill  
  Antonia Izuogu
2020-2021 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONAL ACCEPTANCES
PUBLIC HEALTH

ANTONIA IZUOGU
Boston University Master of Public Health Select Scholars Program*

BAILEY HOLMES-SPENCER
Boston Master of Public Health Select Scholars Program*
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

LOGAN BROWN
Columbia University
Master of Science in Bioethics

MAYA THIRKILL
Boston Master of Public Health Select Scholars Program*
Emory Rollins School of Public Health
Drexel School of Public Health

MAYA BARNES
Boston University Master of Public Health Select Scholars Program*

ZHANA BISHOP
Boston University Master of Public Health Select Scholars Program*

LEIGHA MILLS
Centers for Disease Control PHAP Fellowship
Adolescent STI Prevention Program
2020-2021 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONAL ACCEPTANCES

GRADUATE SCHOOL

ALEXIS PETERSON
Rush University Master's in Health Systems Management

AYANNA MUHAMMAD
Morehouse School of Medicine
Master of Science in Medical Science

MALIA HANEY
Duke University Master's in Biomedical Science

SHELBY THOMPSON
University of Georgia Master of Science in Kinesiology

TIERRA HAMMOND
Master's of Clinical Research at Morehouse School of Medicine
Drexel University Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

DEANNA LANIER
University of Georgia PhD in Bioinformatics Program
Johnson & Johnson STEM2D
MacVicar Scholars Program

Program Objectives

1. To engage industry professionals with students interested in STEM fields in bi-weekly conversations to discuss professional strategies for networking in the biomedical sciences.

2. To provide opportunities for mentors to discuss problem-solving and critical thinking at an executive level drawing connections between current undergraduate experiences and student competency development.

3. To support student awareness of gender-related triumphs and challenges of women in STEM-related fields and develop a motivational/supportive experience for young women in STEM.

4. To engage students in health literacy based projects that will educate the Spelman College and surrounding communities in which they reside.

Each student receives a $10,000 annual academic scholarship and a Johnson and Johnson mentor.

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Chelsey Norwood         Health Science
Olivia Cain             Biology
Denver Cooper           Biology
Aniah Daniels           Health Science
McKenzie Gillison       English
Avani Smith             Health Science
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Plummer Undergraduate Scholars Program at the Mayo Clinic

This pre-medical exploration program is specifically aimed at supporting undergraduate students from backgrounds that are underrepresented in medicine and science. In 2018-2019, 35 students from across the country joined the Mayo clinic in a nine-month long program that included webinars on MCAT preparation, summer research opportunities, medical school admissions, and life as a medical student. In addition, students in the UPS+ track were matched with medical student mentors from the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine. A Spelman Alumna, Dr. Alyx Porter, is a physician at the Mayo Clinic, who we are partnering with to provide this opportunity.

Elizabeth Amadasu
Nkemdidim Cook
McKenzie Gillison
Kalese Goodwin
Samara Jefferson
Jordan Taylor
Increasing Diversity in Dentistry (IDID) is a pipeline program to help underrepresented minority student become better prepared applicants for dental school. Spelman has worked with IDID for the past 7 years to provide additional support for pre-dental students. The founder Dr. Jeanette Sabir-Holloway is a Spelman alumna and the current local coordinators alumna, Dr. Zerita Buchannon.

Taylor Bordes
Mariah Drain
Irie Jones
Kendall Purdue
Madison Wallace
Payton Williams
Miko Willingham
2020-2021 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONAL ACCEPTANCES

DENTAL

MICHALA MERCER
MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

SAVANNAH HARRISON
MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

SUADDAH IRVIN
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO
COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY
The Health Careers Opportunity Pipeline Preparation Program (HCOPPP) was established in 2009 to address the shortage and need for a diverse health care workforce necessary to engage with a multicultural patient population. A longitudinal three-year para-curricular program was designed to provide a structured opportunity for highly motivated Spelman pre-health students. HCOPPP is dedicated to develop well-informed and well-rounded global leaders. Admissions to HCOPPP is competitive and is offered by invitation-only upon academic review.

Listed below are our 2019-2020 HCOPPP Scholars.

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From the Health Careers Program Team