MEDIA ADVISORY
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UCSF FRESNO DOCTORS ACADEMY STUDENTS PRESENT RESEARCH PROJECTS TODAY

FRESNO – How does the air quality in the San Joaquin Valley affect children, and how can it be prevented? What factors contribute to Latino teens driving under the influence of alcohol? Are certain ethnic groups more susceptible to a misdiagnosis of epilepsy due to barriers that prevent patients from receiving healthcare?

These are just a few examples of the 59 student research projects that will be showcased at the 2012 UCSF Fresno Doctors Academy Research Symposium:

Date: Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 5:40 p.m. Welcome-Mentor and Student Recognitions
6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Student Exhibit-Research Presentations

Location: UCSF Fresno 155 N. Fresno Street (Corner of Tulare and Divisadero)

For the past six weeks, 59 students enrolled in the Doctors Academy at Sunnyside, Caruthers, and Selma high schools participated in a six-week clinical and research internship program. Students were assigned to health care facilities and hospitals where they were mentored by healthcare professionals. The purpose of the internship program is to allow students to explore their field of interest, interact with healthcare providers and patients. This experience enables students to receive support from their mentors when they conduct research on a myriad of health-related topics that affect the San Joaquin Valley. Local healthcare providers will be able to view and discuss research projects with Doctors Academy students during the second part of the symposium.

The Doctors Academy, which is sponsored by the UCSF Fresno Latino Center for Medical Education and Research, seeks to increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students who pursue careers in health and medicine by preparing them to become competitive applicants to four-year universities. It allows students to learn more about medical careers, strengthen their critical thinking skills, and gain a mentor who can support them as they prepare for college.

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UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program, established 36 years ago, plays a substantial role in providing healthcare services to residents of California's San Joaquin Valley and training medical professionals in the region. The medical education program has trained approximately one-third of Central San Joaquin Valley physicians. Annually, UCSF Fresno currently trains approximately 245 medical residents in eight specialties, 45 fellows in 12 subspecialties and about 250 medical students on a rotating basis.
University of California San Francisco, Fresno Latino Center for Medical Education and Research would like to thank the following Health Institutions for hosting the Doctors Academy students during their summer clinical experience:

**Internship Facilities**
Adventist Health - Community Care Clinic; Adventist Medical Center – Selma; Aesthetic Plastic Surgery Pavilion; Central Valley Cardiovascular; Children’s Hospital Central California; Clinica Sierra Vista; Community Regional Medical Center; Curry Chiropractic Offices; DiCiccio Orthodontics; Family Health Medical Center; Fresno Physical Therapy; Fowler Physical Therapy; Hanger; Inc.; Logan Street Medical Group; Lydia Favor; Md Inc.; Minarets Medical Group; Kaiser Permanente; Fresno; Kubo Orthodontic Group; Pediatric Anesthesia Associates; Singleton Obstetrics & Gynecology Inc.; South County Veterinary Hospital; Veteran Affairs Central California Health Care System; and Waterhouse Animal Hospital

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