Doctors Academy Students to Get First-Hand Look at the Real World of Health and Medicine

WHAT:
Doctors Academy students at Caruthers and Selma high schools will tour the University of California, Merced, meet with medical residents and medical students at UCSF Fresno and tour Community Regional Medical Center during a daylong look at professional careers in health and medicine and the educational path to getting there.

WHEN:
Monday, March 24
7:30 am - Bus departs Caruthers High School
8:30 am - Bus departs Selma High School
10 am - Tour of UC Merced
11 am - Admissions presentation and meeting with current UC Merced students
Noon – Lunch at UC Merced
12:45 pm – Depart UC Merced
2:00 pm – Arrive UCSF Fresno Center for Medical Education and Research
2:15 pm – 4:30 pm – Presentations on critical skills for medical students and discussion with current medical residents and medical students training at UCSF Fresno
5:15 pm – Tour of Community Regional Medical Center

WHERE:
UC Merced, 5200 N. Lake Rd., Merced
UCSF Fresno Center for Medical Education and Research, 155 N. Fresno Street, Fresno
Community Regional Medical Center, 2823 Fresno Street, Fresno

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BACKGROUND:
The UCSF Fresno Latino Center for Medical Education and Research, in partnership with Fresno Unified School District and Fresno County Office of Education, started the Sunnyside High School Doctors Academy in 1999 as a pilot program to encourage educationally disadvantaged students to focus on careers in health and medicine. A Junior Doctors Academy Program was established in 2000 to encourage and support students earlier in their academic career as middle school students. Since then, the Doctors Academy program has grown in popularity and scope. In 2007, Doctors Academy programs were established at Caruthers and Selma high schools.

One hundred percent of Doctors Academy graduates continue their education at a college or university.

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UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program, established in 1975, plays a substantial role in providing healthcare services to residents of California's San Joaquin Valley and training medical professionals in the region. A clinical branch of UC San Francisco (UCSF), 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, nearly 50 fellows in 14 subspecialties and about 250 medical students on a rotating basis.

UCSF Fresno faculty and medical residents engage in a broad spectrum of research addressing health issues pertinent to the Valley. UCSF Fresno faculty and residents also care for the overwhelming majority of the region’s underserved populations.

In addition, UCSF Fresno provides academic preparation programs for middle- and high school students interested in the health professions through the Doctors Academy and Junior Doctors Academy. UCSF Fresno is a key partner in the UC Merced San Joaquin Valley Program in Medical Education.

UCSF is a leading university dedicated to promoting health worldwide through advanced biomedical research, graduate-level education in the life sciences and health professions, and excellence in patient care. It includes top-ranked graduate schools of dentistry, medicine, nursing and pharmacy, a graduate division with nationally renowned programs in basic biomedical, translational and population sciences, as well as a preeminent biomedical research enterprise and two top-ranked hospitals, UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital.

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