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UCSF Fresno Latino Center Holds Leadership Conference for Future Health Care Professionals

Junior Doctors Academy, Doctors Academy and Fresno State Students to Attend

FRESNO – The University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Fresno Latino Center for Medical Education and Research (LaCMER) will host its fall 2015 Health Education and Leadership (HEaL) Conference on **Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015, from 8 am to 2 pm at the California State University, Fresno Satellite Student Union**. More than 650 people are expected to attend, including students, parents, community and health professionals, medical residents and practicing physicians.

The HEaL Conference is for all parents and students participating in UCSF- LaCMER health professions pipeline programs, including the Junior Doctors Academy (JDA), high school Doctors Academy (DA) programs and Health Career Opportunities Program (HCOP) at Fresno State. The biannual event is made possible by support from UCSF School of Medicine, The California Endowment, The California Wellness Foundation, Fresno State, Kaiser Permanente Fresno, and Caruthers, Fresno and Selma unified school districts.

The primary aim of the UCSF-LaCMER pipeline programs is to prepare youth from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds to enroll in health professions schools and to become healthcare providers for the medically underserved communities in the San Joaquin Valley. The conference complements the rigorous academic programs in place for JDA, DA and HCOP students.

The conference will feature a welcome from LaCMER Director Katherine A. Flores, MD, and Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro, PhD. Dr. Castro is a Valley native and has received numerous accolades for his service and dedication to education, policy, research and diversity issues. His passion and knowledge about the needs of the Valley's diverse population will allow parents and students to learn how his role at Fresno State will provide a positive impact for students.

HEaL conference workshops offer attendees opportunities to learn about numerous health professions from representatives from various organizations and health professionals, including M. Alejandra Jaimes, MD; John Djabrayan, MD; Diana Oviedo-Cavazos, MD, and Michael Klug, MD, from Clinica Sierra Vista Residency Program; Shauna Miller, MSN, Fresno State HCOP and School of Nursing Program;

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Teresa Burt, RN, and Marilee Vosper, RN, from American Ambulance; Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and others.

Agenda:

8:15 a.m. Opening Address
Katherine Flores, MD, Director, UCSF Fresno Latino Center for Medical Education and Research

 Welcome Address
Joseph I. Castro, President, California State University, Fresno

9:00 a.m. Dismissal to workshops

9:15 am – 12:15 p.m. JDA and DA Parent/Student Workshops and HCOP Seminars

- Mini-First Aid Course
- CPR - Key Elements to Heart and CPR Demonstrations
- To Save a Life: Blood Pressure Check
- Inside Out: Discovering Our True Colors
- Seamless Skill of Suturing
- Preparing for a Career in Medicine
- Allied Health Careers: Solutions to Serving the Community

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About UCSF Fresno: The UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program, established in 1975 and now celebrating its 40th anniversary, plays a substantial role in providing health care to residents of California's San Joaquin Valley and training medical professionals in the region. UCSF Fresno is the San Joaquin Valley's largest physician training program. Annually, UCSF Fresno currently trains approximately 250 medical residents (medical school graduates who are training under senior faculty physicians prior to practicing on their own) in eight specialties, 10 oral and maxillofacial surgery dental residents, 50 medical fellows (physicians who are completing training beyond residency) in 17 subspecialties and about 300 medical students (students in the process of earning medical degrees) on a rotating basis. One-third of the physicians trained by UCSF Fresno stay in the region to provide UCSF care in the Valley. Thanks to the expertise of faculty physicians at UCSF Fresno, in many cases, travel outside of the region is no longer necessary for patients seeking specialty medical care. UCSF Fresno faculty and medical residents

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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 helps prepare middle, high school and college students for careers in health and medicine through a variety of pipeline programs. Please visit www.fresno.ucsf.edu

About UCSF: UCSF is a leading university dedicated to transforming health worldwide through advanced biomedical research, graduate-level education in the life sciences and health professions, and excellence in patient care. Founded in 1864 as a medical college, UCSF now includes top-ranked graduate schools of dentistry, medicine, nursing and pharmacy; a graduate division with world-renowned programs in the biological sciences, a preeminent biomedical research enterprise and top-tier hospitals, UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals. Please visit www.ucsf.edu/news.

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