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UCSF Fresno Doctors Talk to Sixth-Graders About Health Careers and Overcoming Obstacles to Accomplish Goals

WHO:

Faculty physicians and medical residents from the UCSF Fresno Family and Community Medicine Residency Program will talk to more than 100 sixth-grade students about health careers and resiliency.

WHAT:

In addition to talking to the students about the responsibilities and duties of physicians, faculty and residents at UCSF Fresno will share their personal stories, struggles and the obstacles that they have overcome on their paths to becoming doctors. The goal of the event is to inspire students and demonstrate the importance of perseverance, resiliency and believing in themselves.

WHEN:

Friday, May 19
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WHERE:

Yokomi Elementary
2323 E. McKenzie Ave., Fresno

WHY:

Medical residents from the UCSF Fresno Family and Community Medicine and Pediatrics residency programs have worked closely with students at Yokomi over the years – educating them about food and nutrition and encouraging exercise by holding “Dancing with Doctors” sessions at the school.

Background: This career day is another example of UCSF Fresno's efforts to improve health outside of the clinical setting and create a pipeline of future physicians for the San Joaquin Valley.

Ivan Albert Gomez, MD, who was recently appointed chief of family and community medicine at UCSF Fresno, is committed to expanding existing collaborations and forming new partnerships to address the health care access and workforce development needs in the region.

Videos of the outreach event are being produced so that other students will be able to view the talks online in the future.

For more information about the UCSF Fresno Family and Community Medicine Career Day at Yokomi, please contact Nicole Jones, research coordinator at njones@fresno.ucsf.edu or (559) 499-6449.

About UCSF Fresno: UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program, established in 1975, 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, approximately 300 medical students (students in the process of earning medical degrees) on a rotating basis and physician assistants in three residency programs. Recent statistics show that 50 percent of the physicians trained by UCSF Fresno stay in the region to provide UCSF care in the Central Valley. Thanks to the expertise of faculty physicians, the majority of complex cases can be appropriately treated locally without traveling outside of the region for exceptional care. Faculty and medical residents at UCSF Fresno engage in a broad spectrum of research addressing health issues pertinent to the Valley. 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

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