

Alumni News



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(left to right) Angela Allison, Denise Ramos, Stephanie Huerta, Dr. Katherine Flores, Dr. Andrew Alvarado, Bertha Dominguez, Meaghan McCready, Shawna Rogers, Lamberto Heras, Diana Cantu, and Dr. Juan Carlos Gutierrez

Message from LaCMER

We hope that all of our Doctors Academy (DA) alumni are doing well as we begin the new year! As you know, we like to remain connected with each of you to learn about your life experiences as Doctors Academy alumni. This year, program coordinators, Diana Cantu, Lamberto Heras and Stephanie Huerta reached out to many of you via Facebook, email, text or personal phone call. Through these outreach efforts, our goal is to keep you informed of upcoming professional conferences, job and research opportunities, scholarships, financial aid, loan forgiveness programs, internships, fellowships, and much more. The Doctors Academy Alumni Newsletter will highlight upcoming events, opportunities and other special announcements to share with each of you!

Announcements

Congrats!! **Anuvir Singh** was accepted into UCSF School of Medicine!

“My journey began with Doctors Academy and I really appreciate the tremendous support that I received from this program throughout my life! Thank you to the entire DA staff for believing in me and for supporting me always.”



— **Anuvir Singh**, Caruthers High School DA Alumnus, Class of 2010

Congrats! **Vang Kou Khang**, was accepted into the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center.

“It is going great! The program is very conducive to learning and patient care, and I cannot imagine a better program. Kaiser was also my top choice! Here is some advice to current medical students:- Take Steps 1 and 2 seriously. Study hard and do your best. However, even if you do not get the score you want, don't let that number deter you from your passion in Medicine. Find the right mentors who will help identify the correct programs for your interest and personality.”



—**Vang Kou Khang**, DA Alumnus, Class of 2004

DA Alumni Support

Last academic year Mrs. Diana Cantu, DA Alumni Coordinator, visited a few colleges in California as an initiative to provide one-on-one academic and personal support for our DA alumni at the various campuses. She collaborated with college personnel staff to secure a campus conference room to gather and provide DA alumni a venue for a forum. This allowed DA alumni to network, learn from one another, and obtain information on scholarships and internship opportunities, gain knowledge about college professors, academic advisors, and available academic support programs.

We were successful in visiting five universities, (UC Davis, UC Merced, UC Los Angeles, UC Santa Barbara, and UC Santa Cruz) and good attendance was accomplished at each of the sites. We learned much from the DA alumni at these universities. As we move forward, each of the LaCMER DA Coordinators, will reach out to all DA alumni. The announcements will be sent via email, Facebook, Mail Chimp and/or a personal call. If you would like to contact us for any academic support or other areas of support, please contact the coordinator that is assigned to your former DA high school. This is located in the contact section below.

Visit to YOUR College!

The tradition continues ... DA alumni have provided great welcomes to our middle school Junior Doctors Academy and Doctors Academy students and staff when we visit colleges and universities that our DA alumni currently attend. We will reach out to you with dates for our upcoming visits. Your support as a DA Alum panelist allows current students to see themselves in you! You continue to be an inspiration and guiding light for those who are following in your footsteps. Also, check out our Facebook page (UCSF Fresno Doctors Academy Alumni) and send us a “friend request” so you can learn about upcoming events or opportunities that arise

A Model of Resiliency

"It's not easy being a woman of color because of the stigmas that come with being Chicana nor is it an easy transition coming from a small farm working town into a city. I have become more cognizant of my surroundings and I have learned to empathize with others who come from similar backgrounds. Attending such a prestigious and diverse university was not easy at first, but the hardships I endured throughout my first two years have allowed me to persevere, become more independent, and it helped me grow spiritually and physically. I am grateful to the DA CHS staff for the continued support throughout this college transition."



—**Hope Delgado**, Caruthers High School, Class of 2016, 2nd year at UC Berkeley

Giving Back!

Interest in speaking or conducting a workshop for JDA/DA students? DA alumni who are in the Caruthers, Fresno, or Selma areas during the academic school year, please contact us at your earliest convenience. The opportunity for the current JDA and DA students to learn firsthand about your personal experience in high school and college will be of much value.

Volunteers Needed!

The LaCMER is in need of volunteers. Please connect with us if you are interested in volunteering, networking with health professionals, and meeting program parents and students.

Website

<https://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/latino-center-for-medical-education-and-research/>

Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2217413563/>

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Donate to the Program

If you would like to learn more about donating to the Doctors Academy, please go to <https://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/give/> (click on Latino Center DA/HCOP).

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Summer Job Opportunities

DA alumni interested in working part-time during the summer to assist in our summer middle school JDA and DA programs, please contact the Academic Program Coordinator noted below.

- Sunnyside DA Senior Summer Research Course (A Research Instructor and several Learning Assistants are needed). Requirements: Must be at least in your 2nd year of college, enjoy working with high school students, familiar with APA writing style, provide support in editing research papers, and commit to work the six week program. Contact Mr. Lamberto Heras at (559) 241-7670 or email at lheras@fresno.ucsf.edu for details.
- JDA 8th grade Math and Science Summer Camp (Learning Assistants are needed) from June 11- 21, 2018. Contact Ms. Shawna Rogers at (559) 241-7670 or srogers@fresno.ucsf.edu for details.

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