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NEW RECRUITMENT & RETENTION COORDINATOR  

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to you Channing Bunch. Mr. Bunch has recently joined the Health Sciences, Multicultural and Community Affairs office as the Recruitment and Retention Coordinator. His primary duties will include:  

1. Conduct and coordinate minority student recruitment and retention in the professional and undergraduate programs in Health Sciences.  
2. Counsel and mentor minority students enrolled in Health Science professional schools.  
3. Research and disseminate information on available grants and financial aid as it pertains to the Health Science schools and students.  

Mr. Bunch’s office is located in room 321, Criss II. Please feel free to contact him at 280-3029 or cbunch@creighton.edu.
HS-MACA

WHAT IS HS-MACA?

The Mission of HS-MACA is to help Creighton University Health Sciences Schools in the recruiting and development of future leaders for an increasingly multicultural society. HS-MACA provides services to students by providing diversity awareness to the entire campus community.

The office is designed to recruit and retain underrepresented minority students during their tenure at Creighton University Health Sciences Schools. HS-MACA is involved in local civic functions and in community service organizations. The office coordinates multicultural activities with other areas of University and enhances cultural awareness of Health Sciences faculty, students, and staff. It also provides academic and personal counseling, as well as counseling in the areas of test taking, time and stress management, and study skills. Referral is made to other University support services as needed. Under the HS-MACA Office pipeline programs are conducted:

Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) - This program is designed for pre-college and undergraduate students interested in a health professions.

Premedical Post-Baccalaureate - To aid financially and educationally disadvantaged students in their preparation and admission to medical school.

Health Professionals Partnership Initiative (HPP) - This program is designed for Elementary and Middle level along with Secondary and College level students.

Focus on Health Professions - Designed to give high school and middle school multicultural students the opportunities to explore opportunities to explore the health care professions.

Summer Research Training - Provides research opportunities for underrepresented minority high school and college students.

HCOP SUMMER INSTITUTE

As the summer began this year, 50 eager students stood ready to endure the rigors of the Creighton University HCOP Summer Institute. These 50 students were comprised of high school and college aged students who were getting a leg up on the curriculum that would be before them in the following academic year. Subjects such as chemistry, trigonometry, and organic were old favorites. But new classes that were added this year were ACT prep which was a hit, as well as medical terminology which was taught to the college-level students. A unique aspect of this program is the division between those students who are already in college and those transitioning between high school and college. The entering freshman are required to take a class called, "Becoming A Master Student" which does just that...it teaches them how to be a master student.

Every Friday, the students attended various panels, speakers, and discussion groups talking about related issues in the healthcare arena. Fridays also meant field trips and shadowing experiences at area hospitals as well as dental clinics.

Field trips included volunteerism such as building the Habitat for Humanity house, Immanuel Quality Living, Wellness Day, and much more. The program was concluded on the evening of July 19th with an awards ceremony and reception.

Congratulations HCOP 2002 Summer Institute Scholars.

SUMMER RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Ten students from Omaha area high schools and six college students from through out the United States participated in an eight-week summer research program sponsored by the HS-MACA office. Four of the high school students are also participants in HPPL. The students were each paired with a faculty-mentor and participated in biomedical research in their mentors lab. In addition, these students participated in roundtable discussions, weekly seminar series, and Friday afternoon enrichment activities.

The program culminated with a Research Forum on August 1st. Each student presented a poster outlining their research. For Best Research Performance in the College level:

1st place—Emmanuel Adeyemi
2nd place—Jeniece Carter
3rd place—Tiffany Johnson

For Best Research Performance High School:

1st place—Debleena Dash
2nd place—Odochi Ohia and Arthur Stallworth
3rd place—Mike Ramirez and Vineet Agrawal

The high school students traveled to Washington, DC August 12 through 15 where they participated in a Research Forum at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. Five of the students presented their research findings. They each did a fantastic job. Awards were given to the following students for outstanding presentation:

Roselea Cook, Odochi Ohia and Ruth Williams.