

I Look Like a Cardiologist!
A Free Outreach Program for Diverse High School Students
October 19, 2019 – Scaife Hall in Oakland, Pittsburgh

Heart disease is the most frequent cause of death for Americans.
The next generation of physicians will be the ones to change that fact.

Dear Teachers, Counselors, and Community Leaders,

We are thrilled to invite your students to apply to the I Look Like a Cardiologist Conference hosted by Dr. Kathryn Berlacher, head of the Cardiology Fellowship Program at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. We had our first conference targeting young women in January and due to its success, we want to expand the program to other students from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine. Students must be in 10th-12th grade in Fall 2019 and identify as female, a racial or ethnic minority, LGBTQIA+, first-generation college students, or from disadvantage socioeconomic status.

The event will include:

- A panel discussion with diverse young cardiologists on being a pre-medical student in college, medical school admissions, and the process of becoming a doctor
- An interactive workshop about being underrepresented in medicine
- Information about free and paid summer programs for pre-med high school and college students
- Mentoring sessions
- A crash course in cardiology with Dr. Berlacher

Further, it is our hope that each student who attends will be paired with a current physician who can provide mentoring throughout the student's high school and college years.

We will be selecting 25 students to attend. Applications must be received by September 19 and admissions decisions will be emailed by September 29. Please share this letter with your science department colleagues, HOSA advisors, GATE coordinators, and college counselors who might be able to identify interested students.

Students may apply by mail using the attached application or online at www.ilooklikeacardiologist.weebly.com. Please feel free to make copies of the application.

For more information and copies of the application, visit: www.ilooklikeacardiologist.weebly.com.

We look forward to working with your students.

Best,

Kathryn Berlacher, M.D., M.S.
Cardiology Fellowship Director at UPMC
Program Host

Diana Rodgers, M.A., M.Ed.
Doctoral Candidate in Higher Education
Management at University of Pittsburgh
Program Facilitator

I Look Like a Cardiologist!

October 19th, 2019-Application

Personal Information

Last name: _____
First name: _____ Middle name: _____
Date of birth: _____ Contact phone: _____
Email: _____
Parent/guardian name: _____
Parent guardian email: _____

Education Information

High school: _____
Graduation year: _____
Guidance counselor name: _____
Science course and level for 2019-2020 school year: _____
Math course and level for 2019-2020 school year: _____
English course and level for 2019-2020 school year: _____

Required Question

1. We are interested in bringing together a diverse group of young people from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine including female students, racial and ethnic minority students, GLBTQIA+ students, first generation college students, or students from a disadvantaged socioeconomic background. In a few short paragraphs, introduce yourself and tell us about your unique background or identity.

Short Answer Questions

Please either handwrite or type answers to 2 of the 5 following questions. Each answer should be about 100-250 words.

2. How did you become interested in a career in medicine, and what excites you about working in health care?
3. What is the most significant health care challenge that you observe in your community, and what would be the first step that you would take after completing your medical training to address it?
4. Please discuss your most significant extra-curricular activity. Why is it so important to you?
5. What challenges do you think women and underrepresented minorities in medicine may face that their peers do not face? How would you start to address that challenge?

Supporting Information

Please attach the following documents

- High school transcript (unofficial or a photo is fine)
- Any SAT/PSAT/ACT/AP/IB/PLAN scores (unofficial from College Board or ACT website are fine)
- Any other information that you feel is relevant to help us make our acceptance decision.

Application due September 19, 2019

Email to info@ilooklikeacardiologist.com or

Mail to I Look Like a Cardiologist c/o Fit Education Consulting, 11 Laughlin Lane, Philadelphia PA 19118
Or submit at ilooklikeacardiologist.com