Internship Program: DR. MMEN
Doctors Reaching Minority Males Entering Neuroscience

Rising senior black and Latino male students

Description:
Since 1978, the number of black males applying to and attending medical school in the United States has declined. This trend will not only impact the future face of medicine, but it also may change where health care is delivered, how it is accessed, and how patients perceive health care as an institution. DR. MMEN is a program designed to reverse this trend by opening doors to career advancement within medicine to underrepresented communities. The program is a partnership between the Mount Sinai Center for Excellence in Youth Education, the Mount Sinai Department of Neurosurgery, and the Friends of Odysseus, a mentoring and career development program for black and Latino medical students, residents and faculty. The program will be comprised of clinical immersion within neurosurgery and related fields, classroom-based learning on topics pertinent to career development, and project-based learning.

Highlights
- Immersion in inpatient and outpatient medical practice in neurosurgery and other allied fields
- Interaction with medical students, residents and attendings to learn about day-to-day practice
- Instruction on how to use a medical library and its resources to conduct biomedical research
- Classroom-based and informal learning about hard and soft skills critical to becoming a physician (i.e., test-taking, presentation skills, time management)
- Summer-long project-based learning opportunity
- Opportunities to create lasting informal and formal mentoring relationships

Requirements
- Full attendance
- Maintain a hospital placement logbook
- Regular oral and written progress reports
- Completion of a final written and oral research report

Eligibility
- Demonstrated interest in science and medicine
- Prior experience in a health or medical facility is preferred
- Must be a rising high school senior, with a minimum GPA of 85
- Must be an underrepresented minority male

The application must include:
- At least one letter of recommendation from a science teacher, math teacher, or other applicable professional
- A personal essay expressing how this course will help the student pursue a specific career in the health field and help the student reach his goals
- A fully completed application form (including signed consent forms: parental/medical/publicity)
- Copy of the student’s latest transcript