

PROJECT PROPOSAL

INCREASING THE INTEREST IN HEALTH SCIENCES OF ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THROUGH FORMATION OF A HEALTH CARE CLUB.

Goal

To set up a program through which high school students can meet and interact professionally and personally with medical school students and faculty in order to help develop and encourage a commitment to health care related careers.

Objectives

- To develop a health care club in a high school in Spanish Harlem
- To promote mentoring of high school student by medical students
- To create activities that improve high school students' knowledge of science, confidence,
- interpersonal skills, study habits and enhance interactions with medical school students and faculty.
- To provide information about and to encourage participation in research, educational, and mentoring opportunities provided by professional health organizations and medical schools.

Health care Club

The students will be guided to develop a club in which each member has an administrative or an educational responsibility. In order to promote leadership, self-reliance and decision making, the activities of the club will be directed by the students with close guidance from high school counselors and medical school faculty and students. High school students will work closely with medical students in developing club presentations and activities. Each active member will have a title (organizer, coordinator, vice president) commensurate with a responsibility for a project in order to foster initiative and responsibility and to recognize professional activities for curriculum vitae.

Leadership

Eva Hernandez, Senior Counselor and Miguel Sanchez, M.D. will work together to make sure that all activities of the project are consistent with the delineated objectives and goals. They will provide guidance in developing and organizing activities which will be conducted and managed by the medical students in conjunction with the high school club members.