Project ACEe
(Academic, Career and Educational experiences)

Project ACEe was developed to promote and encourage health awareness, interest, ability and/or commitment in pursuing a career in medicine, serving disadvantaged high school students. The program is a 10 to 12 week program during the spring semester which provides an academic enrichment experience designed to expose students from the Richmond Metropolitan area to the health professions, specifically medicine, and to provide them with academic survival skills. The goal of Project ACEe is to increase the number of health care practitioners from minority populations or disadvantaged backgrounds who will practice in the state of Virginia.

Target population is high school juniors and seniors from the Greater Richmond Metropolitan area. Information and application packet are delivered to area high school guidance counselors in November, with application deadline and selection notification in December of each year. Selection criteria includes, but not limited to grade point average (ranging from 2.5 and higher) demonstrated interest to pursue a medical career via a written essay and recommendations from guidance counselors and science teachers. An ACEe Advisory Committee will select participants who have submitted a completed application.

Information for the 2015 Project ACEe program follows:

Application Cycle: November 3 - December 12, 2014
Notifications: December 19, 2014
Commitment Responses due: January 12, 2015
Orientation Session*: January 16, 2015
Friday Sessions: January 23 - March 27, 2015
Closing Program: April 3, 2015

*The orientation session is mandatory and participants must attend with at least 1 parent or legal guardian.

For more information and to apply (beginning November 3, 2014) please visit the high school pipeline program section of the Division of Health Sciences Diversity website, www.dhsd.vcu.edu.