



OsteoCHAMPS July 11-23, 2010

Audience

Forty-eight high school juniors and seniors from across the state attended the 2010 session. In addition, nine college students, either juniors or seniors, served as tutor/counselors and three served as instructors (math, physics, chemistry).

Funding

Funding is provided by foundations, individuals, or organizations who are vested in the ideals of youth education and community development. In addition, some participants are provided partial or full scholarships based on need and others are self-paying.

Objectives

This program is aimed at:

- Enhancing the health career interests of participants
- Increasing academic competitiveness of participants in preparation for advanced education
- Providing innovative, challenging and supportive academic and non-academic enrichment activities
- Creating and sustaining a network of supportive partnerships with schools, philanthropic organizations, and private/public agencies
- Collaborating with MSU Extension to foster MSU's "Land Grant" philosophy
- Fostering the pathways to osteopathic medicine and other health professions
- Maintaining interest of participants in health careers, attaining educational and career goals and returning to serve their Michigan communities

Description

Activities of the program occur on a year-long basis starting with a two-week summer academic program on the MSU campus for selected 11th and 12th grade students. This residential program includes intensive instruction in a pre-college curriculum (anatomy, chemistry, physics, math, writing, etc.) and non-academic enrichment services for self-actualization and community service activities. Throughout the year, meetings and seminars are held with participants now attending MSU to keep abreast of their progress. A recent collaboration between the Honors College and the College of Osteopathic Medicine offers selected Honors College students as mentors/tutors as needed to former OsteoCHAMPS participants now attending MSU.

Impacts

Year	# new participants	# returning for 2nd year	total	currently in college	college graduates
2000	10	0	10	0	6
2001	21	9	30	0	5
2002	21	9	30	1	13
2003	22	7	29	0	13
2004	18	9	27	2	11
2005	12	7	19	9	2
2006	19	3	22	8	2
2007	21	8	29	13	0
2008	18	8	26	16	0
2009	34	7	41	25	0
2010	38	10	48	0	0
total	234	77	311	74	52

- Of the 52 college graduates, degrees are in the health sciences, communications, education, finance, music, nursing, public relations, etc.
- Four have achieved Masters Degrees in health communications, biomedical sciences, public health and dietetics.
- Five students are currently attending medical school; (four at MSUCOM) and three will obtain their DO degree in May 2011.

Additional Significant Information

- Annual seminars for all OsteoCHAMPS alumni and their parents/guardians are held with presentations by MSU Admissions, Financial Aid, and the MSUCOM Scholars Program.
- MSU and COM provide a host of faculty from different colleges and departments for instruction to the participants, staff who provide supportive services, and supplies and equipment.
- OsteoCHAMPS conducts a comprehensive evaluation of the program after each session using questionnaires, focus group sessions, and individual meetings. A summative report of this process evaluation is compiled on an annual basis and used for program modification and refinement.

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