

Annual Report Center for Rural Health Pipeline Activities Fall 2023-Spring 2024

PIPELINE- HIGH SCHOOL

STATISTICS

OVERALL NUMBER OF STUDENTS INVOLVED 1212

NUMBER OF EVENTS 32

COUNTIES 11

HIGH SCHOOLS 17

NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL GROUPS VISITING CAMPUS 11

EVENTS

Embedded in the larger initiative is a smaller more targeted part of the initiative which includes health care club formation, trips to the medical school, medical and other speakers, suturing clinics and other activities for the schools that wish to pursue the more intensive approach. Successful initiatives this year included an increase in number of group high school visits to campus.

COLLABORATIONS

In order to maximize resources, the MUJCESOM Center for Rural Health partners with organizations such as Upward Bound, HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America, HSTA (Health sciences Technology Academy), the WV Science Olympiad, and GEAR-UP to reach students interested in college and science related careers. In addition, for this academic year, the use of BS/MD, MD Early Assurance and medical students was expanded to include more direct educational contact with high school students.

RESOURCES

- Marshall University Office of Recruitment/Main campus
- Marshall University School of Physical Therapy
- Marshall University School of Nursing
- Marshall University School of Engineering
- Marshall University Department College Sciences/Physics Department
- Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Gross Anatomy Lab
- Marshall University School of Kinesiology
- Coalfield Health Center (FQHC Look-Alike in Logan County)

PIPELINE - COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

College visits are made each year in order to widely disseminate information about medical school admissions and criteria. Visits include meetings with pre-med advisors, deans, and interested students.

Bluefield State University
Concord University
Marshall University
West Liberty University
WVU HCOP
Ashland Community and Technical College

In addition, the Center hosted a virtual Premed summer academy in May 2024 for premed students from around the state. A variety of speakers presented information on admission processes and timelines, interviewing tips, and other topics of importance to premed students.

Additional notes

Keynote speaker for the St Joseph HS Junior Parents night, Fall 2023

BS/MD students and CRH staff presented at the Fall 2023 West Virginia Rural Health Conference

BS/MD student awarded WV Rural Health Student of the Year

Hosted BS/MD candidates and parents on campus for the medical school reception February 2024

Arranged medical school representation for all Green and White Days on main campus for high school visits

Arranged medical school representation at eight WV end of year high school awards ceremonies

Expanded high school Anatomy lab program to more visits- Planning wrap around experiences for fall 2024.