

# HCOP SATURDAY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## Welcome to HCOP!

- Health Sciences - Multicultural and Community Affairs (HS-MACA) mission is "To empower Creighton University's Health Sciences schools in the training and development of future leaders in healthcare to serve the needs of an increasing multicultural community." - Dr. Kosoko-Lasaki

Welcome to the new journey that you are embarking leading to your collegiate career. This is the first issue of the HCOP Saturday Academy newsletter. There will be monthly issues highlighting the activities and experiences that we have throughout each month of the school year. In this first issue we will discuss what HCOP has experienced in the first couple of months in its restart and reorganization.

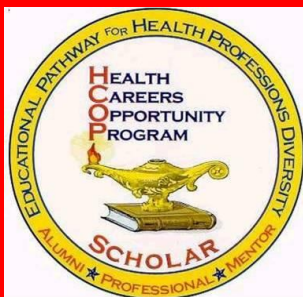
The Saturday Academy is a part of the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) to the Department of Health Sciences-Multicultural and Community Affairs (HS-MACA) Creighton University. The program has been at Creighton since 2000 under various initiatives. The Coordinator of the program is Mr. Arthur Stallworth while Mr. Mark Patten is the HCOP Program Supervisor.

The program started off in September 2008 with few students but has grown through the past couple of months due to meetings with students and counselors across the Omaha metro area. Currently there are students representing Omaha North, Central, Northwest, Burke, Bellevue West, and Lincoln North Star. The students have been attentive and learning from Ms. Tammy Steele and Ms. Takijah Collins, instructors from KAPLAN. The classes start at 9AM every

Other Saturday afternoon activities range from task orientated to the [informative](#). The afternoon mostly consists of an opportunity for the students to work on their homework for school but also consisted of activities to help further [them](#) in the Saturday Academy and to learn more about the health sciences and other activities throughout the community. Activities included; registering for the 12/13 ACT, learning about Test Anxiety and Test taking skills, taking practice ACTs and observing a presentation of a Defense of a thesis for a Master's in Biomedical Sciences.

The students have shown diligence and hard work in the morning and appreciation in the afternoon while learning more about the program and the different routes one could take in securing admission into the health sciences schools. The Kaplan courses will continue on throughout the school year and there will be other activities to learn more about the health professions and about opportunities to serve the Omaha community. This monthly newsletter will serve as an information tool for all parents.

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