



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."

HS-MACA is a department at Creighton University developed to reach out to the community and provide leadership to a growing multicultural community. One of the programs that have been developed to reach this goal is the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) Saturday Academy. It is a program set out to help students maximize their opportunities to progress in education as well as learn more about the careers in the health sciences. This is the first of monthly issues that will discuss the activities of the HCOP Saturday Academy.

HCOP contacted over 70 students, received 37 applications, and interviewed 27 students for the Saturday Academy. The program selected 25 students representing 8 different schools in the OPS area; Bryan, Burke, Benson, Central, Marian, Mercy, North, and St. Peter Claver. The GPA average for the class is 3.44 . The program has high expectations of these students and have hard work planned in maintaining the high GPAs as well as continued progress in increasing ACT scores.



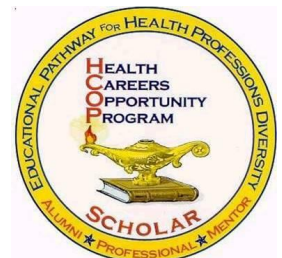
HCOP Saturday Academy Students

The month of October was an introductory month. The students took an ACT test to be used as a baseline to measure improvement throughout the course of the program with an average of 18 for the class. Students met with their Kaplan instructors Ms. Tammy Steele and Ms. Ashley Chatham. Academic Advisor Mr. Art Ortiz talked to the students about test preparation and test anxiety. The class also participated in a cultural awareness day facilitated by the Saturday Academy Coordinator, Mr. Arthur Stallworth, in which there were discussions about our own cultures, cultural issues faced today and how it is related to health sciences careers and health disparities.

In December 2009 the group will dig deeper with Kaplan going over skills review for the Sciences, Math, and English. On the following page there is a schedule for the month of November as well as a small personal bio for the HCOP staff.

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November Saturday Calendar

Date	Material Covered	Teacher	Afternoon
11/7	Skills Review	Tammy Steele/Ashley Chatham	N/A
11/14	Skills Review	Tammy Steele/Ashley Chatham	Sheep Brain Dissection
11/21	Skills review	Tammy Steele/Ashley Chatham	Masters Defense Presentation
11/28	Thanksgiving Weekend	N/A	N/A

MEET THE STAFF

Mark E. Patten Sr. HCOP Program Supervisor



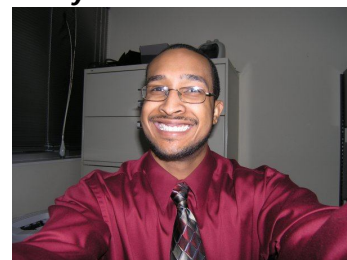
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Arthur L. Stallworth III HCOP Saturday Academy Coordinator

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