



# los angeles pediatric society

## Eve & Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program

### GETTING TO KNOW THE EVE & GENE BLACK SUMMER MEDICAL CAREER PROGRAM

**Program Description:** This life changing program is best described as a medical mentor or internship program. A health care educator/coordinator arranges for participants to shadow various medical professionals such as nurse, nutritionist, pharmacist, lab tech, physician and/or medical specialist etc. The program is usually run during July and/or early August with programs ranging from 2 to 4 weeks. Coordinators decide upon the duration of their program and the exact dates and times that they wish to host their program. Most programs are run Monday through Friday for about 8 hours a day.

**History:** Los Angeles Pediatric Society (LAPS) is a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to educate. Since 1969, the LAPS sponsored Eve & Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program has mentored over 2300 high school students. We are proud to know that our program has inspired many participants to continue their education in the health care field. Currently there are several medical professionals, who were past program participants and who are now involved in the program!

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOSTING A STUDENT IN A ROTATION? STARTING A PROGRAM AT YOUR FACILITY? READ MORE ABOUT HOW IT WORKS...

**Application Availability & General Requirements:** In December of each year, LAPS emails high schools in the greater Los Angeles area with information on the program and a link to our website. Applicants must be a current high school Junior or Senior and some locations require participants to be 18 by the start of the program.

**Applicant Selection:** The coordinator(s) at each participating medical facility accepts 2-12 students. Each year LAPS receives 200-300 applications and existing facilities are only able to accommodate 65-75 students. Unfortunately, many qualified, deserving students are turned away.

**How You Can Become Involved:** You can offer to provide a rotation at existing facility; you will find a list of participating facilities on our website application. Or you and your colleagues could team together to create a program in your own location!

### PARTICIPANTS, PARENTS AND COORDINATORS TELL THEIR STORIES

**Participants Say:** *"I cannot thank you enough for making this wonderful program possible! This experience helped me more than you know in discovering and planning my future; I cannot wait for future high school students to have this same, life-changing opportunity."*

*"Taking the route of medicine to me will mean three things: One, I will forever be a life-long learner. Two, I hope to one day be able to help people the way I saw doctors help people in the Eve & Gene Black Program. Three, and most of importantly, no matter how rigorous or stressful the path of becoming a physician may seem, this program showed me that in the end, everything is worth it; and to learn this, above all else, I will eternally be grateful."*

**And Parents Add:** *"My child has been marked by her experience. She said 'I think I finally know what I want to do with my life' and if I had not seen the glow in her face and the emotion in her voice, I would have chalked it up to another dramatic teenage statement. This program has power, power to guide, inspire and change lives. THANK YOU - I wish there were stronger words to express my gratitude."*

*"I have seen my child so inspired and motivated over the last month; I have not enough words to thank you and your organization for offering this type of program to these young adults."*

**Alvin Miller, MD** (Who hosted a Valley Program of 12 Students) **Shared:** *"After 62 years of practicing medicine I realize the progress in health care today needs to be passed on to future providers. We need to nurture the ambition and dreams of these capable youngsters who will carry the torch for us in future years. They are interested, ambitious, committed and capable. I believe we owe this to those who want to follow us in a medical career. You will have the feeling of leaving something to the world of medicine, the world that you have enjoyed. **Get involved...**become a coordinator for students interested in a future in Medicine. You will enjoy giving back through these capable teens to the world of medicine, a career that you have enjoyed for many years. I thank you for your help."*

## WHAT CAN THE STUDENTS DO ALL DAY? HERE ARE SOME GREAT TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES.

The goal of the program is to stimulate high school students to seek careers in medicine. This is accomplished by giving the students exposure to health care professionals at work in both in-patient and out-patient settings, with assignments to various hospital departments, different areas of medicine and an array of medical practitioners which may include any of the following:

Complete CPR Training	Observe a General Pediatric Practice
Observe Pediatric or other Subspecialty Clinics or practices such as Orthopedics, ENT, Ophthalmology, Nephrology, Genetics, Rheumatology	Observe Well Patient Clinics such as CHP (Community Health Plan physicians)
Attend Grand Rounds	Observe Gastroenterology Department for GI Studies
Observe Pediatric In-patient Services, including the nursery, ward & PICU	Receive an Orientation to the Clinical Laboratory/ Pathology
Receive an Orientation to Hospital Administration	Observe a Delivery of a Newborn
Observe the Emergency Department	Observe a Nutritionist
Observe a Physical Therapy Clinic	Observe a Pharmacy
Observe a Center for Special Needs Children – autistic or other	Observe Cardiology Department – Stress Test, Echo, EKG
Observe Out-Patient Clinics	Visit the NICU
Visit to Surgery/Operating Room - observation of a procedure and/or orientation to the operating room	Visit to Radiology - explanation of scans (CAT, MRI), nuclear medicine, and general radiology
Visit the Medical Library	Visit Respiratory Therapy Clinic
Visit the Morgue	Visit a HUB Clinic
Visit a Dental Clinic/Practice	Visit a Research Laboratory
Arrange an interview with Health Care Professional; have each student submit a report for review and discussion.	
Write an essay about a field of medicine. This can be combined with research done at the Medical Library.	
Give the student a list of common/interesting pediatric/patient ailments in a grid & have them X them as they see them. (Like a treasure hunt or bingo.)	

## WANT TO DONATE TO THE PROGRAM OR LEARN MORE ABOUT IT? CONTACT US!

For a list of our Summer Program FAQs as well as the Program Application, visit our website [www.lapedsoc.org](http://www.lapedsoc.org). If you have any questions or need further information about the Eve & Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program, contact [eseaman@lapedsoc.org](mailto:eseaman@lapedsoc.org) or call 424-262-6590.

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*"I got blood on my scrubs & antibacterial solution on my shoes and you know what, I still know I'm going to be a doctor!"*



*"I held a brain!"*



*"I learned more about myself within that month than what I thought I knew about 'me' in my lifetime."*