



MINI HEALTH SCIENCES CAMP

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES – MULTICULTURAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (HS-MACA) AND PARTNERSHIP FOR KIDS (P4K)

This summer, Creighton University's Department of Health Sciences – Multicultural and Community Affairs was proud to join forces with Partnership 4 Kids to provide a weekday camp for kids from disadvantaged families interested in pursuing careers in medicine with a glimpse into the many facets of what is considered health sciences and the various jobs available to them in the many related fields.

HIGHLIGHTS

OVERVIEW

The camp was held over a period of four days and covered a tour of the hospital, and visits to the dental school, pharmacy lab, nursing simulation lab, and the physical and occupational therapy schools. On the first day, the students were brought to Hixon-Lied and given a pre-test so HS-MACA's staff could gauge the level of knowledge and understanding the kids had about the health science fields and build upon it. In the pre-test only 55% of students had planned for their future job/career and only 65% thought that the Mini-Health Sciences Camp would influence their future plans. In the post-test, **100%** of students felt that they had planned well for their future job/career and **95%** of students felt the camp influenced their future plans. After the camp, **100%** of students also planned on attending college and more than **90%** gave serious importance to studying math and science in school.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The camp began on Tuesday, July 15th and ended on Friday, July 18th. We began with a tour of the pharmacy skills lab by Dr. Sam Augustine. In the afternoon, Drs. Gary Davis and Hardeep Chehal planned a tour of the dental school with students from the National Student Dental Association (NSDA), and created teeth impressions of the students' teeth for them to take home!

The following morning, the students went to visit the PT and OT classrooms with Dr. Kelly Nelson. Later, the kids got to dissect a sheep's heart and focused on healthy living by engaging in sports!

On Thursday, the students visited the nursing simulation lab with Dr. Amy Cosimano and in the afternoon, they were taken on a CUMC hospital tour, organized by Pat Townley, which included visits to radiology, pathology, PT/OT/Speech, and surgery!

On the last day of camp, the kids were able to perform another dissection –of a sheep's eye – and talk about academic success with Dr. Jeff Lang. We ended the camp with a bang by making dry-ice ice cream, which was bubbles of fun!

FOLLOW UP FROM P4K

The Mini Health Science Camp

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- Sue Lipsey

Director of Curriculum and Assessment

