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Greetings,

I write to introduce you and premedical students you might know to the Duke University School of Medicine Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded program).

The Duke Summer Medical and Dental Education Program is a *free* six-week summer residential experience that provides intensive and personalized preparation for medical school. Rising sophomores and rising juniors who have experience working with diverse populations, are interested in practicing medicine in underserved communities, have an interest in a culturally competent education, and share a commitment to diversity in the health professions are encouraged to apply. This year's program will take place June 5, - July 17th, 2010. The application deadline for this summer's program is March 1, 2010.

SMDEP at Duke will provide instruction and experiential opportunities in the following areas:

- Web-based instruction in science, math, medical writing, computer competency
- Health career preceptorships, opportunities to work with Duke physicians
- Issues in contemporary medicine
- Health professions advising

SMDEP scholars have the extensive opportunities to interact with medical school faculty, basic science and math faculty, and clinicians in a world class medical center. Each scholar will have use of a laptop computer during the Institute. Housing and meals are provided free of charge on the West Campus of Duke University. SMDEP scholars have access to all libraries and academic resources of the Duke University School of Medicine, as well as all Duke University student services and recreational facilities are available to SMDEP participants. Scholars will receive transportation assistance and a stipend.

Please share this information with eligible students who are US citizens with one or more years of college; overall GPA of 3.0/4.0, with 2.75 in the sciences; combined SAT or ACT scores of 950 or 20, respectively are eligible.

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It is our hope you will find this opportunity exciting and that you will make it available to the students you know who are interested in medicine. I have enclosed with this letter a packet of brochures describing the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program. Should you need further information or additional materials, kindly give me a call at 919-684-5882 or send e-mail to mcullins@duke.edu or cwar001@mc.duke.edu. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maureen D. Cullins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Maureen D. Cullins
Director, Multicultural Resource Center
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Enclosures