

# **High AIMS Program**

## **High Achievement in Math and Science**

**CHPC/CHWA Meeting**  
**February 4, 2016**

# Program Overview

- Pre-health professionals interested in addressing health disparities and access
- Established 2011
- Three-year, cohort-based program
- Ten students per cohort

# White Coat Ceremony 2015-16 Cohort 5

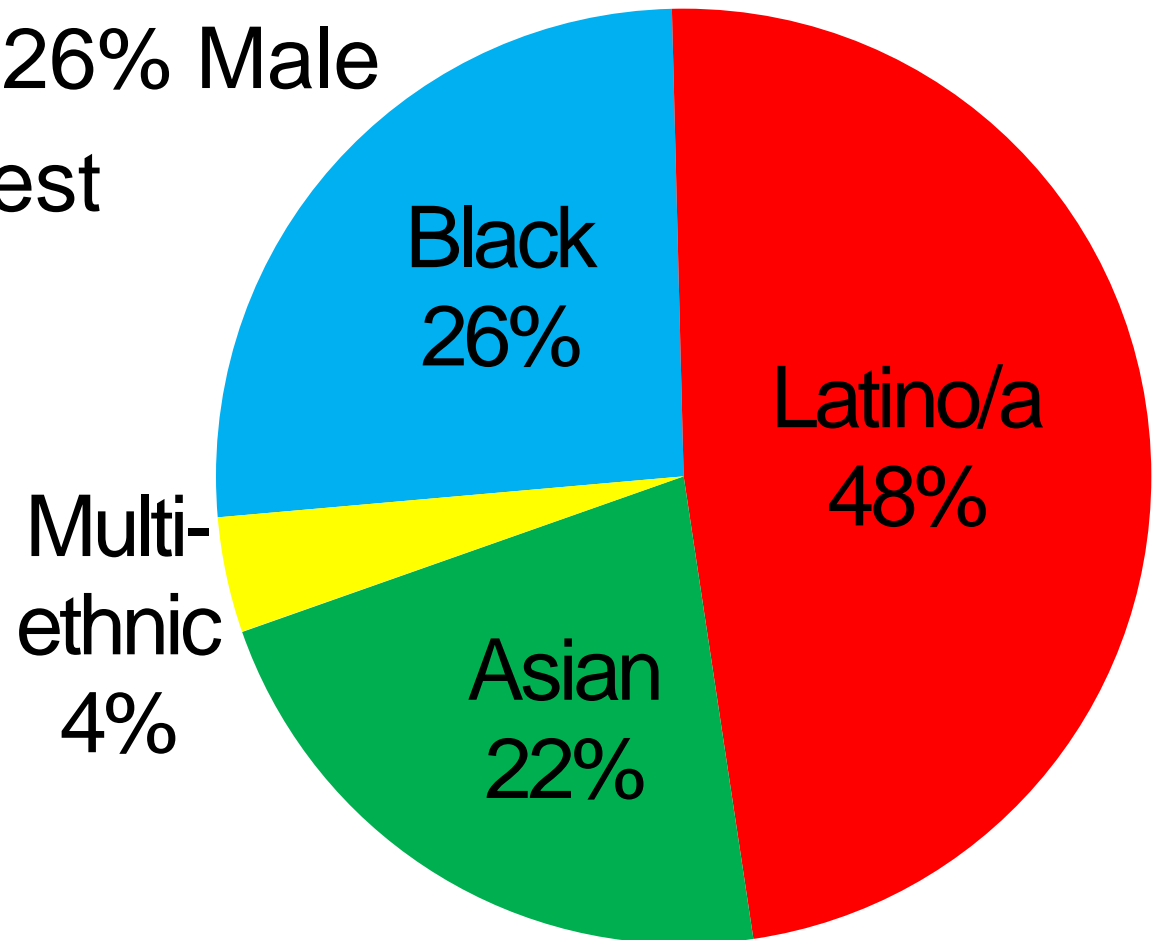


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- Academic Support
  - Academic Counselor
  - Peer Learning
  - Mentoring
- Saturday Career Seminars
- Research and Clinical Internships
- Conferences and Special Events
- Scholarships

# Demographics

- Three cohorts
- 74% Female, 26% Male
- Fields of interest
  - 1) Medicine
  - 2) Public Health
  - 3) Pharmacy



# Program Alumni

- UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine
- USC School of Pharmacy
- Georgetown University School of Medicine
- Georgetown University Postbaccalaureate
- UC Davis-Sacramento Pre-medical Surgical Internship
- City Year Corp

# Program Benefits

“As a scholar, I attended monthly seminars where I was **exposed to various professions** and fields including dentistry, physician assistants, public health, orthopedic surgery, and medicine. Through the **guidance of mentors, interaction with professionals**, attending **national health conferences**, and **field trips** to institutions like USC, Charles Drew, and the VA hospitals, I was able to **explore and familiarize myself** with various **fields, career options**, and the **health disparities** present in many communities I would seek to work with.”

- Jeannie Radoc, Cohort 1

“High AIMS has prepared me for medical school through ... **cohort discussions and readings on health care disparities**. [I] learned about the **ongoing health care issues and injustices** that disadvantaged communities face, gained an understanding of the health care **data and statistics through reading current research papers**, and learned from **each cohort member and mentors’ perspectives** on specific health topics...”

- Ngoc Bui, Cohort 1

“High AIMS has opened my eyes to the **unsettling issues that affect underserved communities**. With all of our guest speakers, I am **motivated and inspired** to continue to pursue medicine in order to **make a difference**.”

- John Tran, Cohort 2



“Providing **mentors that keep you accountable** and offer **valuable resources and advice** to take the next steps when applying and preparing for graduate school.”

- **Nedra Chijioke, Cohort 2**

“The most important resource that High AIMS has given me is **great mentors**. They really care about you succeeding in life and really help you with anything they can. [Also,] having a **cohort to vent with, hang out, study with**, or just to **get info on classes** that they’ve taken and any **advice** they could give.”

- **Charlotte Dyer, Cohort 2**

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