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Rawls Scholars Medicine Initiative



Dr. George H. Rawls, M.D.

Dr. George Rawls, for which the Rawls Scholars Medicine Initiative is named, is a renowned and distinguished physician. He has labored tirelessly to raise awareness of the need for a greater representation of minorities in the field of medicine and he has worked for measures that would facilitate admission and graduation of minority candidates to IU School of Medicine.

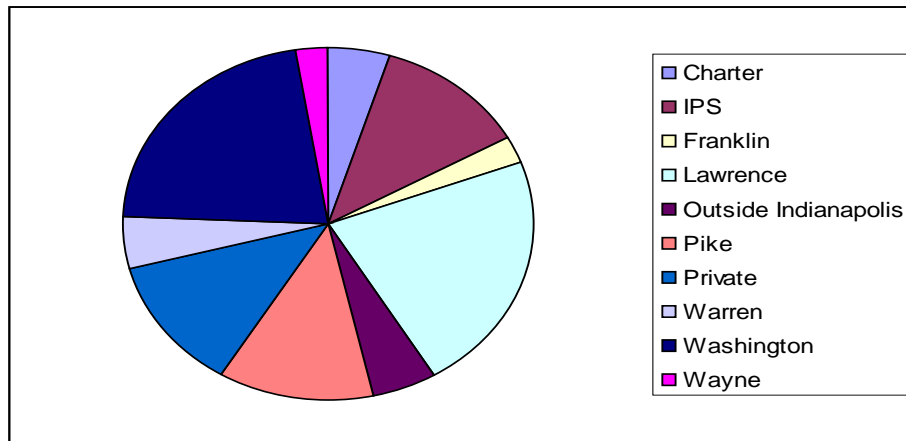
PURPOSE

CLD's Rawls Scholars Medicine Initiative was established in 2002 to help build a strong pool of African American youth who have been equipped and prepared to pursue careers in medicine and the health professions. Rawls Scholars Medicine Initiative was created to help build this pool by designing a structured, organized program vehicle that exposes youth to medical fields. The medical initiative offers youth a structured program vehicle where youth can explore the field of medicine and increase their knowledge of the demands of medical school. Through Rawls Scholars, youth increase their confidence that they can become medical practitioners and develop a clear understanding of what will be required of them. With Rawls Scholars, the path to becoming a medical practitioner is demystified and a "can-do" culture is formulated.

The Rawls Scholars Medicine Initiative is a six-week program which educates and motivates minority youth to aspire to excellence in the field of medicine, by exposing them to many exciting career opportunities in medicine. Participants obtain knowledge and a greater understanding of the rigorous academic requirements necessary for successful completion and admission into medical school by speaking with admissions representatives, current medical students and practicing physicians. In addition to speaking with physicians and students, Rawls Scholars program participants have the opportunity to tour the Indiana University School of Medicine and Wishard Hospital; and to interact and shadow within Wishard Hospital's Trauma Center.

Spring 2009 Program Enrollment Statistics

January – April 2009



Spring 2009 Rawls Scholars Medicine Initiative Highlights

Highlights

- **34 youth participated in Rawls Scholars Medicine**
- **The program had a 99.9 % retention rate**
- **Parents were allowed to participate and some seized the opportunity**
- **Participants spent time with Dr. Clark Simons, ER surgeon and were given exposure to life in an emergency room**
- **Participants learned valuable information about the medical school admissions process and received a tour of the IU Medical School**
- **Participants were introduced to various areas of medical specialization by having the opportunity to hear from doctors in several areas of specialization**
- **Dr. George Rawls provided remarks to 2009 Rawls participants during opening session and also provided remarks at recognition program**
- **Several physicians and administrators from Wishard participated in Rawls by sharing with participants their time, talents, insights and examples of success.**



Dr. George Rawls and CLD participants of the 2009 Rawls Scholars Medicine Initiative

Spring 2009 Session Overview

SESSION TOPIC	PRESENTERS	LOCATION
<u>Session 1:</u> Welcome to the Rawls Scholars Medicine Initiative Program	Dr. Lisa Harris	Myers Auditorium Wishard Health Services
<u>Session 2:</u> How do I get into Medical School?	IU School of Medicine Admissions Representative Students from the IU School of Medicine	Myers Auditorium Wishard Health Services
<u>Session 3:</u> Day in the Life of a Resident	Dr. Clark Simons Medical Residents	Myers Auditorium Wishard Health Services
<u>Session 4:</u> Life in the ER	Trauma Services	Myers Auditorium Wishard Health Services
<u>Session 5:</u> Medical School Tour	Dr. Clark Simons	Myers Auditorium Wishard Health Services
<u>Session 6:</u> Choosing a Career in Medicine	Physicians from various Medical fields	Myers Auditorium Wishard Health Services



The Rawls Scholars participants had the opportunity to visit the trauma unit at Wishard Hospital and speak with emergency room physicians.

Spring 2009 Impact and Outcomes

The Rawls Scholars Medicine Initiative had an astounding impact on its participants. They were able to interact with not just the top male and female surgeons, but also with CLD alumni who had completed medical school and who were completing their residency programs. This exposure gave them the opportunity to visualize other African Americans who had indeed completed medical school; thereby, making the impossible appear to be much more possible. The participants received first-hand knowledge of the academic rigors and the possible social distractions. Moreover, the participants had the opportunity to speak with an admissions counselor and find out the requirements for entering medical school. Participants left the program with a heightened level of confidence and a realization that medical school admissions and graduation is indeed achievable.



Residents from Wishard Hospital share candidly about the rigors of medical school, expectations and their professional journeys.



Current Indiana University School of Medicine medical students and Rawls Scholars scholarship recipients speak to the CLD participants about their academic and personal experiences and what it takes to be successful.

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