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Diversity Tour brings med school information to students

A grassroots project that seeks to increase the participation of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups in the field of medicine is heading to Sacramento State for a daylong event that brings undergraduates face-to-face with minority physicians, dentists and medical students. And a former Sac State student is leading the way.

The Tour for Diversity in Medicine will be on campus 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, presenting its message in a number of formats such as large-auditorium gatherings, lecture halls, small seminars, and exhibits. Topics include overviews on careers in the field, how to apply to medical or dental schools, honing interview skills, and financial aid information.

The event is open to all undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students in the Sacramento area. Interested students can just show up for the event, beginning at the Terrace Suite in The WELL. Breakout sessions will be held at the University Union in the Terrace, Forest and Orchard suites, and the Delta and Summit rooms.

Diversity in Medicine was created by former medical student leaders, and one of its former tour mentors is alumnus Brandon Henry, MD. Henry is a 2012 graduate who attended the Howard University College of Medicine and is doing his residency at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital.

Henry already had established his reputation as a leader here before leaving for medical school: he was a student leader in Sac State’s Science Educational Equity program.

Tour mentors comprise medical and dental students, as well as young practicing doctors and dentists.

For more information, visit www.tour4diversity.org call (916) 278-7676 or visit the website. For media assistance, call Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156. – Craig Koscho