FACES for the Future-San Diego
Health Professions Internship Partnership

Rady Children's Hospital San Diego

Fall 2014

Lab Coats and Candles

Dr. Nicholas Holmes (l) describes how it felt to receive his 1st lab coat as a medical student. The FACES Class of 2015 (above) proudly pose in their new coats.

(left and below) The light of knowledge, symbolized by the candles, is precious. It must grow and be passed on to the next generation.

"I swear... that I will successfully fulfill the expectations of the Faces for the Future Program. I will take my duties and responsibilities extremely seriously; not for granted. I will make the most out of this opportunity…" The FACES Student Oath

The 27 members of the FACES Class of 2015 are moving into their senior year ready to get down to business! Lab coats delivered and celebrated; the Student Oath taken; Rady Children's orientation and HIPAA review provided; TB tests taken and flu shots endured; these students are READY!

The first clinical rotation of the 2014-15 academic year starts on October 20. Students choose among 25 different departments at the Hospital as they learn about the variety of careers in healthcare that are available to them. Some students who already know their future plans will be placed in internships designed specifically for them, to match their goals and interests.

Staff and students are excited to explore new opportunities this year, with a new series of workshops for seniors and juniors funded by a grant from the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development; addition of freshmen to the Academy; more FACES staff soon to come on board; and more. Stay tuned!

Juniors Are Ready to Go

Ryan Altman from the Alternative Healing Network discusses the opportunities with his internship.

There's a lot more to health—and health careers—than the hospital and doctor's office, FACES juniors learned when seven community partners presented their internship programs. To help in choosing their community internship placement preferences, 47 juniors gathered to hear from representatives from the Alternative Healing Network; Central Region Public Health; Mid-City CAN; Planned Parenthood; ProKids; Mid-City CAN's Food Justice Team; and the Hoover High HealthCorps. Not available to attend, but offering internships, were City Heights Farmers Market; County of San Diego Maternal, Child & Family Health Services; Hoover Athletic Training; and Rady Children's Urgent Care.

FACES junior internships are designed to expose the students to the services available in their community while helping them grow in professionalism and healthcare knowledge.

FACES juniors were happy to receive their name badges, marking their official readiness to start community internships. Mr. Delon and Ms. Ayala distributed badges following the Community Partner panel presentation.

Getting Organized

Every group needs leaders. The FACES Class of 2015 has chosen theirs:

Co-Presidents: Jonathen Vazquez & Desseray Reyes
Co-Vice Presidents: Phoung Le & Ghazal Zangeneravanbakhsh

Treasurer: Reena Rong
Secretary: Tuyet Nguyen
Public Relations: Linda Do
Event Team: Estephany Garcia, Yasmin Chino, Lisa Ngo, Julissa Flores & Jenny Cadenas

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