

## 2018 Advanced Medical Academy-Program Summary

# A Surgical Experience with Fresh Start: "Giving Hope, Transforming Lives"

**Fresh Start**  
Surgical Gifts

Rady Children's Hospital's Advanced Medical Academy (AMA) programs provide advanced learning and growth opportunities for Medical Academy only, focusing on important and timely healthcare topics and related careers. These opportunities go beyond what students would have learned during either a weekend or summer program.



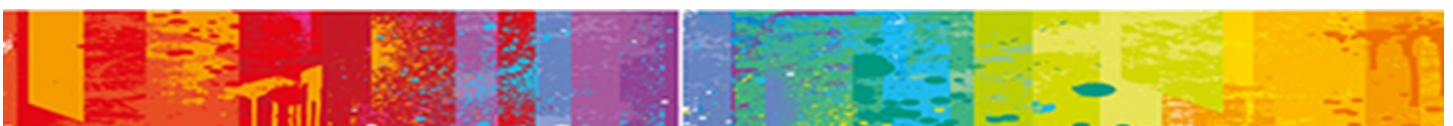
The 2nd AMA program, A Surgical Experience with Fresh Start, took place November 2-4, 2018 with 10 enthusiastic students from throughout San Diego County and Northern California. Students had the unique opportunity to be with a Fresh Start Surgical Gifts patient throughout their pre-op, surgery, post-op, and recovery processes. This included being in the operating room with a volunteer surgeon as they performed a variety of complex procedures for children and young adults from around the globe who suffer from physical deformities caused by birth defects, accidents, abuse or disease. AMA participant learning included:

- The mission and vision of Fresh Start Surgical Gifts
- The need for charitable organizations in healthcare
- Global Health concepts and ways to volunteer in healthcare
- The importance of Multidisciplinary Care Teams
- Pre-Operative procedures i.e. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and sterile environments in the Operating Room
- Education & Career Paths
- The role of Volunteer Student Ambassadors for Fresh Start

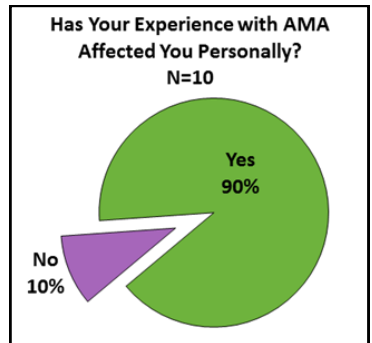
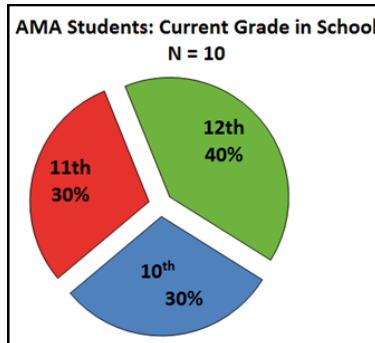
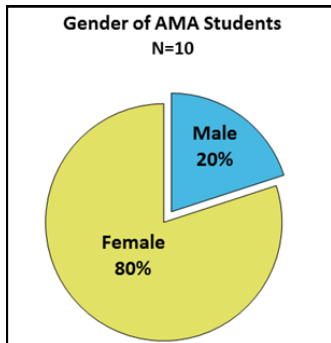
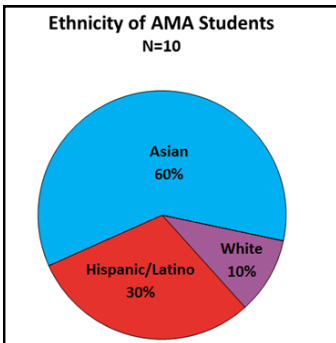
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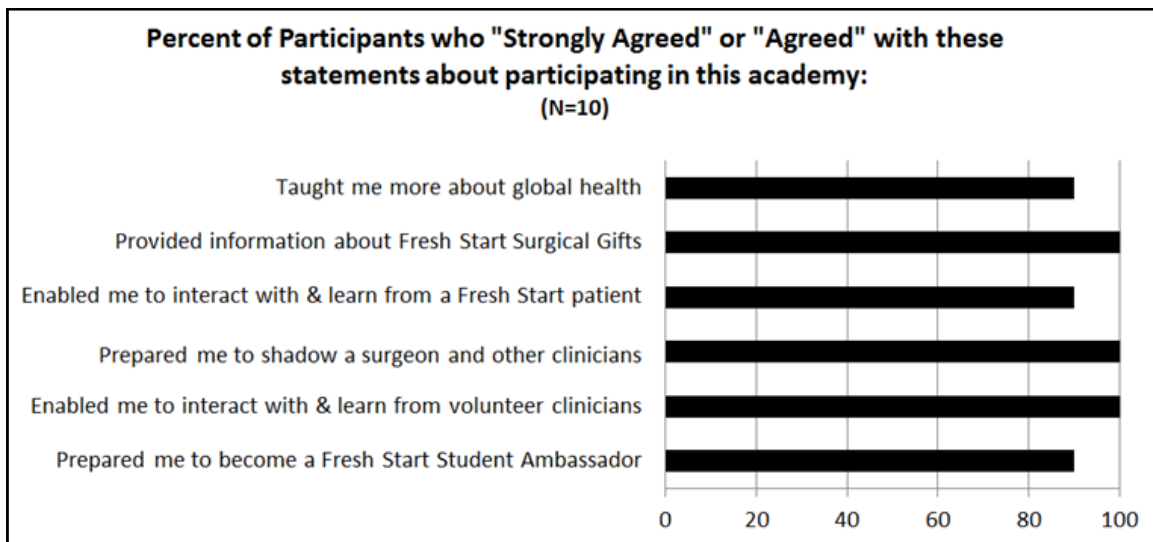
# Student Profile & Feedback



**100% of students reported that the program met or exceeded their expectations!**

**100% of students reported that they would recommend AMA to a friend interested in a healthcare career!**

**100% of students reported that attending this program reinforced and/or increased their interest in pursuing a career in healthcare!**



"The most important thing I learned is that medicine and providing care is a team effort. I knew that there were multiple people involved in providing care, but I didn't really know until I experienced it first hand in the OR."

"I think this program was one of the best ones I've been to. The incredible opportunity of being in the OR and observing pre-op to post-op is incomparable to anything else."

**Would you like to make this experience available to students with a financial need?**

Reach out to learn more about our Medical Academy Scholarship program by visiting:

<https://www.radyfoundation.org/support-sma-scholarships?>

