

2019 Advanced Medical Academy-Program Summary

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

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 3rd AMA program, A Surgical Experience with Fresh Start, took place March 8-10, 2019 with 10 enthusiastic students from throughout San Diego County and Oregon. 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

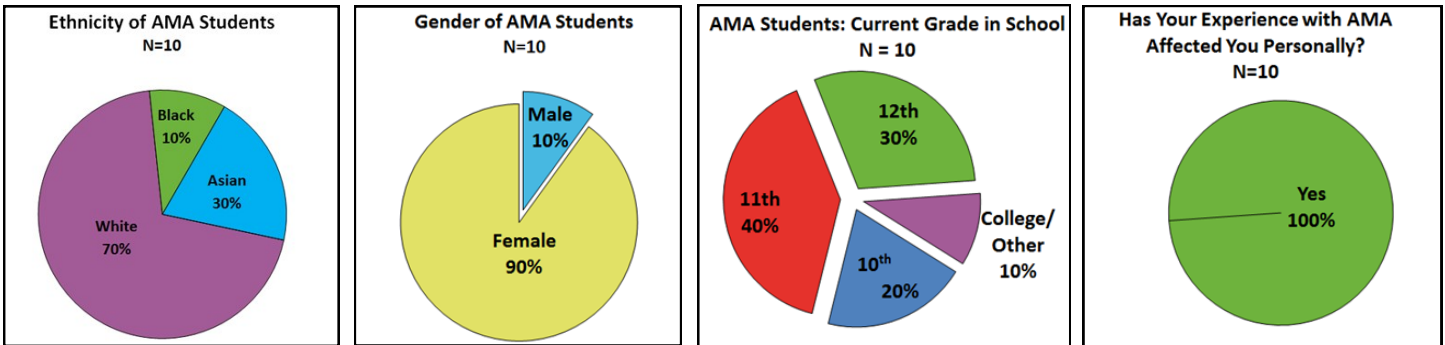
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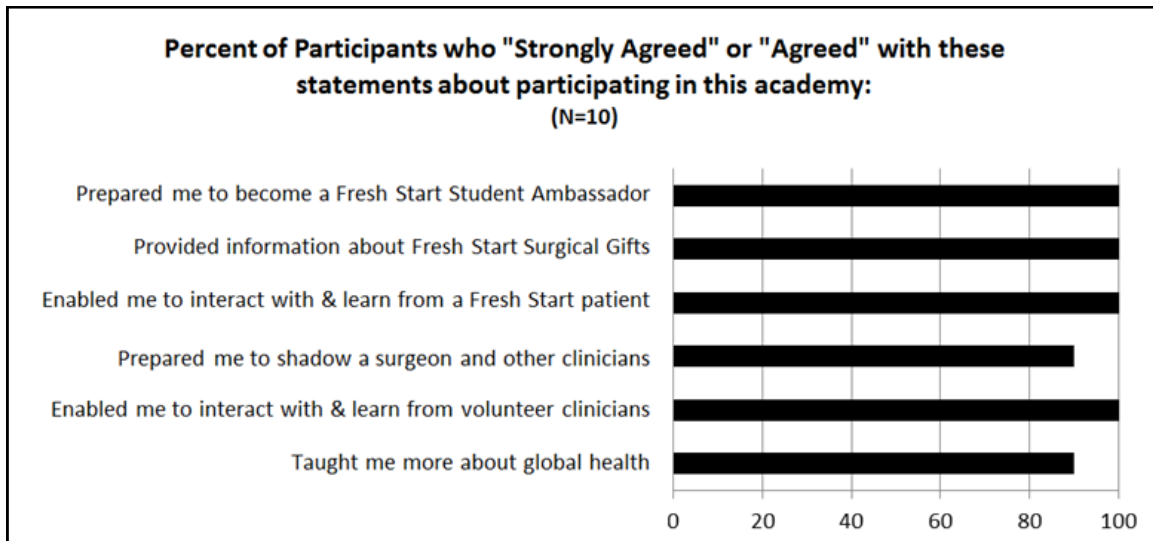
Student Profile & Feedback



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!



"OMG this program touched my heart. It made me realize how lucky I am to have my health and how I absolutely want to volunteer more of my time helping people."

"Observing the surgical process taught me so much about contact with the patient and their family. Confirmed my interest in medicine."

"I learned that surgery is a 'team' effort, and I can be something other than a surgeon and still change lives."

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?>

