

## 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 4th AMA program, A Surgical Experience with Fresh Start, took place November 1-3, 2019 with 10 enthusiastic students from throughout San Diego County and Los Angeles. 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:

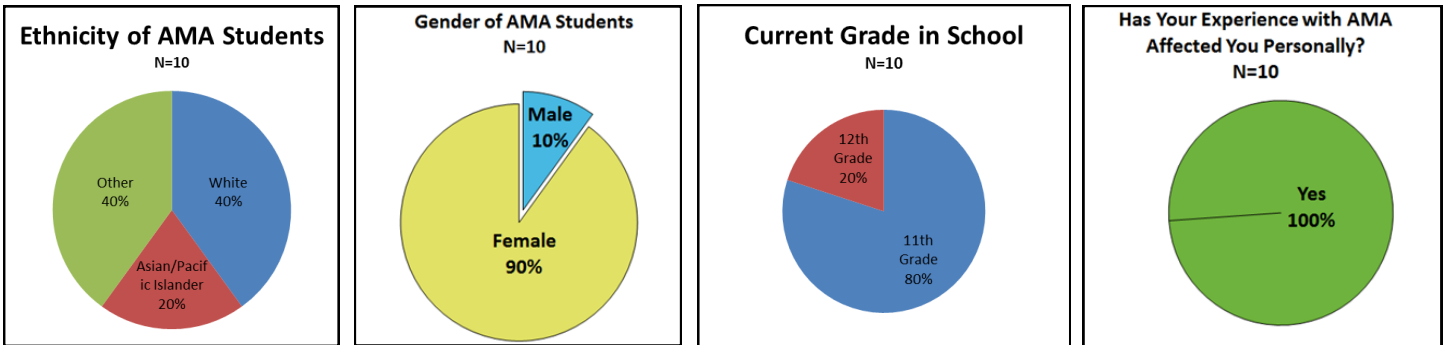
- The mission and vision of Fresh Start Surgical Gifts
- The need for charitable organizations in healthcare
- Global Health concepts and ways to volunteer in healthcare
- The importance of Multidisciplinary Care Teams
- Pre-Operative procedures i.e. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and sterile environments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

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# Student Profile & Feedback



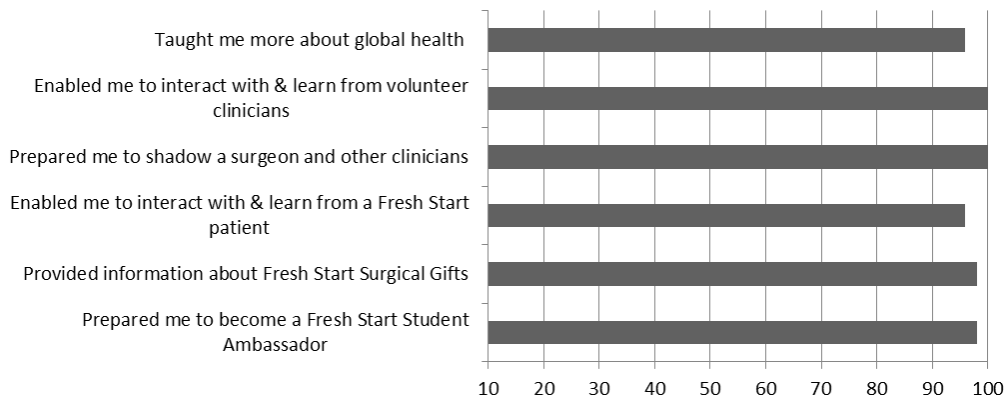
**100% of students reported that the program met or exceeded their expectations!**

**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!**

## Percent of Participants who "Strongly Agreed" or "Agreed" with these statements about participating in this academy:

N=10



"This program was eye-opening and incredible. I am so thankful to be part of the journey the Fresh-Start patients take and be able to not only view their surgery, but also to see how happy they are once the surgery is complete."

"I thought the program provided very good opportunities and I am really impressed by the Fresh Start program and its mission."

"It's really great how we were able to watch a surgery up close."

**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?>

