HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADVISING NEWS
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MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
EARLY COMMITMENT PROGRAM (ECP)

The Health Professions Advising Unit (HPAU) continually strives to uphold its mission to support and encourage the success of students from any major interested in a career in health professions. It is through this mission, HPAU is pleased to announce that it has officially established an early acceptance agreement between Clark Atlanta University (CAU) and Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM). HPAU students already reap the benefits of joint programs and initiatives such as the Undergraduate Health Sciences Academy (UHSA), but this agreement strengthens the continued partnership between the two institutions.

Under the agreement, both institutions will cooperate in projects to cross-enroll students in undergraduate and graduate school programs. Further, CAU and MSM will recruit and facilitate the entry of students into the field of medicine by developing programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree from CAU and Doctor of Medicine degree from MSM. CAU students will receive the collaborative efforts between CAU and MSM to ensure readiness to enter the MSM MD degree program.

Students who desire to enter the program must undergo a strict application process that includes an interview with current MSM faculty and administration. Student eligibility requirements are listed below.

- 1300 SAT score or 28 on the ACT
- Must be qualified as a Junior
- 3.5 GPA or higher

Applications for this program are disbursed through HPAU. The first two CAU pre-health students have already been selected for this program and are due to begin classes in the Fall of 2021. Additionally information on the students selected for this program can be found on page___ in the Student Spotlight section. The MSM admissions staff was extremely pleased with the caliber of CAU applicants. They are excited about the possibilities and opportunities this partnership will give CAU pre-health students and both institutions. This partnerships helps to fulfill the mission of CAU’s HPAU and MSM. A mission to increase the opportunities for minority students and increase number of minorities entering into medical school and the health professions.
Kiya h Adams has been accepted into the Early Medical School Selection Program (EMSSP) with Boston University School of Medicine. The EMSSP accepts candidates from around the country and the selection process is competitive.

Jaeda Gordon, student (left) and Dr. Alicia Mays MD, Clark Alumni (right) pose at the Dream Youth Clinic in Oakland, CA. Dr. Mays is the director of the clinic and is a part of HPAU’s alumni network that provides current pre-health students with opportunities needed to advance in the health professions.

Jailed Turner (left) and Deidre Kennedy (right) are the first students to receive Early Admittance into the Morehouse School of Medicine MD program. Kailen and Deidre are Biology majors and both have aspirations of becoming physicians. Information about the program can be found on page 1.

Justin Harrison cares for a little child in the pediatric ward during the TPaIDA internship. Also, Justin is seen pictured in the middle with some fellow interns.

Kiyah Adams dances with Amazon tribe members during the TPaIDA internship. The internship provides the students an opportunity to travel into the Amazon Rainforest and assist doctors as they provide health care to the indigenous people living within the Amazon. Also, pictured below right Kiyah is seen caring for a new born after assisting with the mother’s cesarian section.

Kevonna Moultrie has been accepted into two MD programs (Morehouse School of Medicine and Boston University School of Medicine. Achieving this feet is a major accomplishment and speaks to the caliber of CAU’s pre-health students. Kevona will attend Boston University School of Medicine in the Fall of 2020.

Brian Baker is a contributing author on the peer-reviewed publication: p66Shc protein through a redox mechanism enhances the progression of prostate cancer cells towards castration-resistance.
HPAU is dedicated to providing networking opportunities and interactive programs to address the challenges with applying to professional schools. HPAU has conducted a series of events tailored to meet the needs of CAU’s pre-health students. Here are this years highlights.

Pictured above –left: CAU students listened intently to current medical school students and other health professional programs at the HPAU Health Professions Student Panel Event held on Nov. 12, 2019. Pictured right- Medical School Student panelist participants).

Pictured above: New inductees in the Under Graduate Health Science Academy Induction Ceremony.

Pictured above: Pre-health students engaged in MCAT preparation course held during the Spring 2020 semester.

Pictured above: Ms. Gaymon, Career Advising Specialist HPAU and CAU pre-health students attend the Igniting the Dream of Medicine Conference at the Medical College of Georgia on February 29, 2020.

Pictured above left: CAU pre-health volunteer at the CHAMPS Mens Health Summit. Pictured right: Dr. Powell, Faculty Coordinator HPAU with CAU pre-health student volunteers at the CHAMPS summit on Saturday September 7, 2019.
Pictured above: Dr. Sarah Vinson, MD shares her career path journey with pre-health students on October 2, 2019.

Pictured above: First year pre-health students are smiling bright during the Health Professions First Year Seminar section for the Fall 2019 Semester. First year seminar is a requirement for all cau freshman. This is the first section dedicated to prehealth students!

Pictured above: Representatives from the Medical College of GA meet with pre health students on October 3, 2019.

Pictured above: SSG Hall, US Army Health Care Division speaks to pre-health students about the Army’s health care opportunities and scholarships on September 18, 2019.

Pictured above: Minority Association of Pre-Health Students (MAPS) volunteering at a local nursing home. Volunteering hours are essential for the advancement of all aspiring health care workers.

Pictured above: Visiting Physician with Young Physicians Initiative speaks with Pre-health students during a Pre Professional Health Society Meeting on February 17, 2020.

Pictured above: AUC students enjoy the 17th Annual Health Professional School Fair held on the campus of Spelman College on October 23, 2019. The AUC fair is a collaborative effort between the health professions offices of Clark, Spelman and Morehouse.

Pictured above: HPAU welcomes Biology Freshman during Biology Majors meeting.

Pictured above: MAPS students volunteering at the AG Rhodes Health Recovery Center.
**HPAU HAS A NEW LEARNING SPACE!**

*Pictured Left (Event Space):* Through Title III funding, HPAU has transformed an empty space into a new learning and event space for CAU pre-health students and HPAU activities. The space provides an environment that is safe and conducive for learning. The space features a state-of-the-art SMART technology board, writing wall board for live instruction, and student desks designed for storage and comfort. HPAU plans to utilize the space to host professional school testing preparation courses and pre-health events. The space is located in room 227 in the Annex building located on the right side of the Thomas Cole Research Center for Science and Technology. The space also provides additional study space for CAU pre-health students. This space has helped to resolve logistical issues HPAU has encountered in the past. We are excited about the possibilities this space provides.

**MESSAGE FROM THE FACULTY COORDINATOR**

2019-2020 academic year brought many unexpected experiences. The coronavirus pandemic forced us all to create a new normal. It has altered the way we communicate with each other. It postponed many anticipated events. It even prevented us from formally saying goodbye to all our outstanding graduates with a commencement ceremony.

But as much as this year seemed to take away—there was also much given. I was given the opportunity to witness so many of our great students find a way or make one. I am extraordinarily proud that despite COVID-19 restrictions, 88% of our students completed internships applications. I am delighted that when many of those internships were canceled so many of our students rallied and successfully found alternate experiences that not only enriched their clinical exposure but also contributed to society when it was needed the most.

We have built on some amazing partnerships that have enriched our program and the quality of the students who have engaged with them. Many of our partner organizations have also stepped up to the challenge and transitioned our enrichment experiences to a virtual format. The Young Physicians Initiative (YPI) has been dedicated to providing real-world experiences to students. YPI continues to provide interactive guidance to CAU pre-health students and inspire the next generation of health professionals. I want to thank each medical student and medical professional who generously gave their time to mentor our students.

To our Spring 2020 graduates, I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to be your advisor this year. Not only have your skills improved, but you have grown into such amazing individuals, embracing the ideas of life-long learners. I’ve been so impressed by your perspectives and opinions. My wish for you is that you continue to build on the lessons of your undergraduate years. I know that you will go on to do great things in this world and we look forward to cheering you on along the way.

To all our returning students, I know you are eager to build on the progress of this year. I am looking forward to the continued success of the HPAU and moving forward with all the grit and determination that Panthers possess. Take care, be well, and keep striving for greatness!
Here in HPAU we want you prepared to take on the academic world and beyond. Here are some helpful tips to consider before visiting our office. If you desire an appointment, you can email us at healthprofessions@cau.edu. We will be happy to help you!

- Think about the health profession of your choice. Have you completed a career plan?
- Prepare for the meeting by looking at the online course catalog and familiarizing yourself with campus resources.
- Prepare materials to bring (Take your academic transcript- transcripts found on banner)
- Map out your time frame. Time management is key! (Do you plan to enroll full-time or part-time? Are you working? Consider your outside obligations.)
- Know what to take away from your meeting. (You should have a printed copy of your schedule and plans for classes that you might take the next semester.)
- Set up subsequent meetings with your academic advisor. (Visit your academic advisor at least twice a semester, if not more.)

Questions to consider:

- How many credits must I take each term to graduate on time?
- What are the prerequisites for my major? Core requirements?
- If I’ve taken any advanced placement credits, certifications, or exams, can I use them to fulfill some of my major’s requirements?
- Are there any course substitutions?
- What career opportunities will I have once I graduate?
- Have there been any changes to my degree plan or program of study?
- Am I still taking classes in the right order?
- What courses do I need to satisfy the major requirements at the institutions where I plan to transfer?
- If I want to withdraw from a class, how will that affect my academic progress, financial aid, etc.?
- Are there any opportunities for internships, shadowing, and research?
- What are my health profession career goals?
- Are there any professional examinations that I should prepare for and what classes will prepare me for the exam?
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GET INVOLVED!

HPAU STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

HPAU’s dedication to providing students with quality enrichment opportunities and improving the overall impact of student services will continue to impact and ensure the success of CAU students. HPAU has 475 registered students on the service list serve, which accounts for 66% of the 717 students majoring in Biology, Chemistry, and Psychology during the fall of 2019. HPAU’s list serve accounts for 12 % of CAU overall student population. With the growing population of CAU pre-health students, the need for extracurricular activities and development continues to grow. If you are a Pre-health student and you want to find ways to enrich your CAU experience, here is a list of organizations offered through HPAU that just might be the fit for you!

The Minority Association of Pre-medical Students, or MAPS, represents the undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA). MAPS is an initiative of the SNMA that represents future underrepresented medical students.

Alpha Epsilon Delta is the National Health Pre-professional Honor Society dedicated to the encouragement and recognition of excellence in pre-professional health scholarship.

The Pre-Professional Health Society (PPHS) aims to familiarize students with the health professions and applications to relevant schools through speakers, student mentors, and volunteer work.

The Pre-Dental Society is for students who are interested in Dentistry as a profession. The society’s goal is to educate CAU students about pursuing dentistry as a career, as well as to form a solid foundation about what is expected of pre dental students applying to Dental school.

In Partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine, the Undergraduate Health Sciences Academy (UHSA) was created in response to the growing need for health care professionals in Georgia’s underserved urban and rural communities. The program recruits current undergraduate students matriculating at CAU and the other institutions in the Atlanta University Center Consortium (AUCC). Through STEM courses and other interventions, the academy’s goal is to add to Georgia’s healthcare workforce while also diversifying that workforce in the state and nation.

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