

JOURNEY TO MEDICINE

“ Building the pipeline for future physicians”

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Gateway Medical Society Youth Mentorship Program is to educate and mentor minority pre-adolescent males in the art and science of medicine. We also hope to inspire and guide them as they matriculate through secondary education and beyond. Ultimately, we hope that some students will choose to enter into the field of medicine and the allied health professions

GOALS

- 1 To mentor and build a strong sense of confidence in our pre-adolescent participants.
- 2 To stress the early importance of achievement in mathematics and science.
- 3 To introduce a broader view of all disciplines of medicine, and allied health professions, including but not limited to: nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, Physician Assistant, pharmacy, dentistry, and podiatry

THE HEINZ ENDOWMENT

The Heinz Endowments supports efforts to make southwestern Pennsylvania a premier place to live and work, a center of learning and educational excellence, and a home to diversity and inclusion. Committed to helping its region thrive as a whole community-economically, ecologically, educationally and culturally-the foundation works within Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the nation to develop solutions to challenges that are national and even international in scope. One of the largest and most innovative independent philanthropic foundations in the country, the Endowments awarded more than \$75 million in grants in 2008

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GATEWAY MEDICAL SOCIETY

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History of Gateway Medical Society

The Gateway Medical Society is a component of the National Medical Association (NMA). The National Medical Association objectives are to promote the science and art of medicine and the betterment of public health.

Organized in 1895, the NMA limits membership to physicians licensed to practice medicine in any state or territory of the United States and the District of Columbia. Election of Membership may be obtained through constituent associations, through affiliation with societies consisting of women physicians, Haitian physicians, and other minority physicians. The Gateway Medical Society is therefore a component society of its constituent association the Keystone State Medical Society of Pennsylvania.

The Gateway Medical Society was organized in the late 1950's. Some of the founding organizers were Earl B. Smith, MD, Oswald Nickens, MD, and Charles Bookert, MD. The Primary source of funding includes: dues collection, fundraisers, and grants.

The Mission of this organization shall be:

1. To promote health care and general welfare of minority & socio-economically challenged population in Southwestern Pennsylvania.
2. To enhance the quality of health services by addressing the ethnic and racial disparities in healthcare.
3. To enhance wellness by providing health education to the community.
4. To provide continuing medical education for healthcare providers.
5. To facilitate communication, collaboration and networking among healthcare providers.
6. To provide a forum for discussion of issues for successful academic, financial and clinical growth.

Our main goal is to impact health care disparities

Our Organization offers:

- Mentorship programs
- Community Programs
- CME Credits
- Networking opportunities among Health Care Professionals
- Scholarship Programs
- Web site, e-mail, newsletters,..

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