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Dear Entering Medical Student:

Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Connecticut's School of Medicine. As an incoming medical student, we want to make you aware of an enrichment opportunity available to students.

The University of Connecticut's Schools of Dental Medicine, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work and Quinnipiac University's Physician Assistant Program, in collaboration with the Connecticut Area Health Education Center (CT AHEC, h.uconn.edu/ct-ahec), sponsor a program whose focus is care for the urban underserved. Known as the Urban Service Track/AHEC Scholars, this ***innovative program maximizes interdisciplinary training and learning opportunities that focus on issues specific to urban communities and vulnerable populations.***

The Urban Service Track enrolled its first cohort of students in Fall 2007. Over our 12 years of operation we have engaged more than 640 health profession students. Students selected to participate from the 6 schools are designated as Urban Health/AHEC Scholars and are expected to participate in a variety of educational activities that complement the dental school curriculum. Because the curriculum for each of the schools is very demanding, we have been careful to plan learning retreats and educational activities with exam schedules and curricular demands in mind.

Activities for new Urban Health/AHEC Scholars include a welcome reception and orientation, a Clinical Skills Boot Camp Simulation Lab, 4 learning retreats to be held on Friday afternoons at off campus locations (3-7 p.m.), SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) training and Clinical Assessment with standardized patients, involvement in National Primary Care Week and Migrant Farm Worker Clinic activities, and on-line modules addressing tools critical for today's health professional. In addition to these didactic and clinical opportunities, students participate in community outreach activities (two each semester) sponsored by CT AHEC. To learn more about the Urban Service Track/AHEC Scholars program, we invite you to visit our website (h.uconn.edu/ust).

If you are interested in primary care and working with urban underserved patient populations please complete the on-line application by July 1, 2019 (h.uconn.edu/ust). Applicants will be notified of their application status by August 15, 2019.

Sincerely,

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