

UB Medical STEP—Updates

We are currently in the midst of week 4 of our exciting summer program. The students are doing a FANTASTIC job! We are honored to have students assigned and interning at various medical facilities around Buffalo, namely; Buffalo General Hospital, Children’s Pediatrics, Erie County Medical Center, Dr. DeBerry’s Urology Clinic, University Pediatric Dentistry on Main, University Pediatric Dentistry on Maple, University at Buffalo’s Dental School, and UPD’s Compass East site located at Sheehan Memorial. We also had the pleasure of having some of our students attend UB CSTEP’s Summer Research Symposium. The students were very excited to view the posters and asked some very in depth questions about the research that was done. This was a wonderful way to prepare our students for their presentations in the next few weeks as well as gearing them up for the work to come in the fall when Medical STEP reconvenes.



We had a 100% graduation and college placement for all of our graduating seniors! Our graduation ceremony took place in May and was a fully attended event. Our parents did a PHENOMENAL job helping with the planning, preparation, set up and facilitation of the day’s events. We have a coating ceremony and the 2 students to receive their doctor’s lab coats were Zerrick Barlow and Leatrice Bennett! We are so proud of all of our amazing students.



Our phenomenal keynote speaker was Andrea Finley, a Medical STEP alum who has just graduated from Colgate University and will be attending Princeton in 2014 to begin working on her Master's Degree.



In June we had the pleasure of facilitating a parent committee workshop entitled, *Strengthening Parent Communities Within Your Program* at the 2013 APACS conference. Along with the Program Coordinator Renee Mapp, two parents, Ursula Davis (Committee Co-Chair) and Pamela Gant (a freshmen parent) spoke from their perspectives as parents. In detail, they discussed how they first became involved and why it is important that they stay actively involved. (Mrs. Davis' daughter graduated in 2012). They did a FANTASTIC job at presenting and have been asked by other STEP directors and program coordinators if they would be able to share with their parent committees as well. We're VERY EXCITED about our AWESOME Parent Committee! Many more great things are in store for them. Co-presenting on the parent component was Valerie Smith from Schenectady K-12 program.



Upcoming: Our parents are in the process of forming a UB Medical STEP Parent Committee Newsletter (Not the official name) and one of our dads, Murray Taylor is in the process of tweaking his workshop on Bullying which will now be implemented during our annual program orientation. This is a wonderful thing to incorporate. Mr. Taylor is a member of USAF and also serves as a mediator.



Our Day Of Service at Math Science Technology at Seneca was very successful! We continue to strengthen our DOS facilitating in collaboration with Darryl Carter program coordinator of our fellow Buffalo State STEP program. Joining us was a Medical STEP alum, a UB Post Baccalaureate student, 2 Medical STEP Parents, tutors for Buffalo State's STEP from Hauptman Woodward and Bennett High School, and an admissions advisor. We shared about STEP with approximately 600 students!



Several of our young men were invited to be a part of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated's **Leadership Development Institute (LDI)**. This was a wonderful 3 day event and the young men donned the black 3 piece suits and bow ties in the culminating dinner and gala. We are training young leaders of the future; together as a community.

