

DENTISTRY BY THE NUMBERS



SUMMER MEDICAL AND DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Summer Medical and Dental Education Program is a **FREE** six-week summer academic enrichment program for freshman and sophomore college students interested in careers in dentistry and medicine. SMDEP's roots go back 25 years starting in 1989 with its first cohort of scholars. Because of noted declines of medical school applicants from racial and ethnic backgrounds starting in 1977, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation initiated a study in 1984 to learn about strategies to change the trends. Findings contributed to the development of the Minority Medical Education Program (MMEP) to increase the acceptance rates of medical school applicants from racial and ethnic minority groups who were underrepresented in medicine—African-Americans, Mexican Americans, mainland Puerto Ricans, and American Indians and Alaska Natives.

In 2006, the program expanded to include dentistry and was renamed the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program.



12,162

DENTAL SCHOOL APPLICANTS (2013)

5,796

first-time, first-year students enrolled in D.M.D. and D.D.S. programs in the U.S. (Fall 2013)

13.4%

Of the applicants to dental school were from underrepresented minorities



(and 47.4% of those applicants were women)

Source: American Dental Education Association website. www.adea.org



2006

FIRST SMDEP DENTISTRY COHORT



100%

All 2006 SMDEP participants accepted to dental school that matriculated.

75%

From 2006-2014: SMDEP participants who applied to a dental school that were accepted.

47%

From 2006-2014: SMDEP participants who identified as "pre-dental" at the beginning of the summer program that went on to apply to a dental school.

Data Sources: AAMC Data Warehouse and ADEA APAN data, as of November 26, 2014.

For more information visit www.smdep.org



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