



Rural Medical and Science Scholars

A Program for Mississippi Citizens and Communities

Since 1998, the Rural Medical and Science Scholars program has been focused on helping high school seniors determine if they want to pursue health-related careers and shaping students' interest and understanding of medicine, health-related disciplines, and other STEM fields. The scholars engage with healthcare professionals, complete 1 month of health science college coursework and engage in didactic, observational, and experiential learning. Discovering interest and solidifying career intent early, whether healthcare-related or not, can strengthen future goals, save money, and help ensure a successful career path.

Adding one physician to a community contributes an average of \$1.8 million in additional economic output. Hence, the program works to ensure a strong and passionate workforce for the long-term goals of improving Mississippi's economy and increasing access to healthcare.



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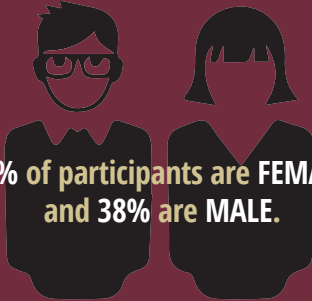
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444 STUDENTS
have participated in the
RMSS program.

Scholars have come from
69 OF THE STATE'S 82 COUNTIES.


26%
OF PARTICIPANTS
represent minorities.

62% of participants are FEMALE,
and 38% are MALE.



58 SCHOLARS
have attended
MEDICAL SCHOOL.

30 PRACTICE
in primary care.



70% have engaged in STEM-RELATED CAREERS.

Many scholars are pursuing healthcare careers in nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, counseling, medical research, public health, and physical or occupational therapy. Other scholars now work in STEM-related careers, such as mathematics, technology innovation, and mechanical, biological, or chemical engineering.

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