

Newsletter



A Message from the Urban Health Program

Welcome!



Highlights

Join the UHP Pre-Health Professions Student Organization!

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Visit the UHP Resource Center!

SSB-1200 W. Harrison Street
Room 2190
(312) 355-3099

Celebrate Unity Month with us!

UHP Health Professions Seminar
September 17, 2003
3:30 p.m -5:30 p.m.
SSB-1200 W. Harrison
Conference Rooms B & C
Refreshments Served!

UHP Student Orientation

October 6, 2003
SSB-1200 W. Harrison
3:00 p.m -5:30 p.m.
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Welcome, new and returning students,
to the UIC Urban Health Program (UHP)!

UHP's mission is to improve the quality
of health care services for medically
underserved urban populations by
expanding health professions education
opportunities for underrepresented
groups and others interested in serving in
Health Professions Shortage Areas of
Illinois.

Here at UIC, we are surrounded by the
wonderful diversity of our campus and the
faculty will challenge you to think in new
ways – to expand your intellectual
consciousness, and expose you to the
latest cutting-edge technologies as you
prepare to be the urban health care
professionals of tomorrow.

The UHP Directors are positioned in
each of the health sciences colleges, the
Graduate College, the Academic Center
for Excellence (ACE), the Early Outreach
Program (EOP), and the Office of
Admissions and Records (OAR) to assist
you in making your experience at UIC
more rewarding. Please make it a priority
to introduce yourself to the appropriate
UHP Directors and avail yourself to the
array of services and enrichment
opportunities.

The UHP also offers an enormous
range of student support services for
undergraduate students interested in
becoming urban health care
professionals.

We encourage you to visit the UHP
Resource Center, meet Dr. Michael

Toney and obtain information about all the
urban health career opportunities at UIC.
The office is located in the Student
Services Building, 1200 W. Harrison
Street, room 2190. Join the UHP Pre-
Health Professions Student Organization,
a new undergraduate student
organization. Learn what the organization
is about and enjoy the benefits of being a
member.

In addition, we invite all of you to attend
the UHP Health Professions Seminar on
September 17, 2003 (see highlights.) As
part of Unity Month, dynamic speakers in
the health professions will lead an open
dialogue discussing strategies to
eliminate health disparities and increasing
diversity in the health professions. We
also invite you to mark your calendar and
attend the UHP Student Orientation
scheduled for October 6, 2003 (see
highlights). The UHP Directors will
discuss admissions requirements to the
health sciences colleges and share
strategies to strengthen your application.
Also, please visit our web site at
www.uic.edu/depts/uhealth.

Again, welcome and have a productive
semester!

Associate Provost
and Executive Director,
Urban Health Program

In the News



*Dr. Michael Toney
UHP Director for Student
Programs and Assessment*

Dr. Michael Toney has been appointed Director for Student Programs and Assessment for the Urban Health Program. In his new role he will be responsible for developing and evaluating student programs, along with compiling enrollment management data.

Dr. Toney returns to UIC from his most recent role as Associate Vice President for Enrollment Programs at National Louis University, where he was responsible for Chicago area recruitment, admissions, training and development. Prior to that, he was the Executive Director for Enrollment Services for Governors State University. He previously served for twenty years with the University of Illinois, as Associate Director of Admissions, Assistant Dean of Students at the Urbana-Champaign campus; Assistant to the Dean in the College of Engineering, Community Liaison and Coordinator of Recruitment at the Chicago campus. In the latter position he recruited students for the Medical Opportunities Program, the forerunner to the Urban Health Program.

Dr. Toney's commitment to assisting students with access to higher education does not end with the school responsibilities of his position. He is past President of the Illinois Council for College Attendance, which sponsors a number of programs for students and parents, including academic competitions, in-school workshops, and a pre-college career conference. He also served on the Executive Board of the Illinois Association for College Admissions Counselors which has over 800 members. In addition, he was a member of the Jackson Language Academy local school council; Chairman of the Education Committee of the Boys and Girls Club of the Ida B. Wells Housing Project; founding member of the Bridge Program at the Joliet Youth Detention Center; and currently, he is Co-Chair of the Education Committee for the Westside Consortium.



*The organizing committee for the UHP
Pre-Health Professions Student
Organization (From left to right Jennifer
Sparks, Shanae Williams, Alexandria
Bowman)*

◆ **UHP Pre-Health Professions Student Organization** The UHP Pre-Health Professions Student Organization is for undergraduate students interested in the health professions and in serving in medically underserved urban areas. The organization's activities are designed to expand your professional network career horizons and provide an avenue to network with UHP students in the health sciences colleges, health care professionals in the community, and with UIC faculty and administrators. Additionally, information regarding available funding, research opportunities and assistance in preparing for the admissions tests will be shared. Membership includes current UIC undergraduate students, faculty and staff, as well as health professions alumni and honorary members. Meetings are bi-monthly and members are welcome to attend the weekly Executive Board meetings. All individuals are eligible for membership without regard to race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin. For more information or to participate, contact Jennifer Sparks, President, jspark3@uic.edu, Alexandria Bowman, Vice President, abowma4@uic.edu or Academic Advisor, Dr. Michael Toney, mtoney@uic.edu

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Tel: (312) 355-1670 Fax: (312) 996-1022

Graduate College (M/C 192)

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