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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE SOUTHERN NEVADA AHEC TO OFFER SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS

A six-week summer program that will increase Nevada students' academic competitiveness in math and science will be offered by the University of Nevada School of Medicine this summer.

"This greatly needed program will help achieve a more diverse health profession workforce in our state and give students the opportunities to become prepared for health professions programs after high school graduation," says Natalie Mazzullo, project director.

Thanks to a Health Careers Opportunity Program Grant (HCOP) that was recently awarded to the medical school's Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center, the School will collaborate with Clark and Washoe County School Districts and the University and Community College System of Nevada to develop and implement a program that will help students develop the skills needed to successfully compete, enter, and graduate from degree-granting health professions programs in Nevada. The grant will provide over \$700,000 in the next three years for these types of programs.

Students will participate in hands-on-laboratory experiments, scientific research projects, tours of health facilities and institutes of higher education, and shadow experiences with health professionals.

Nevada HCOP is made possible by a grant from the Department of Disadvantaged Assistance, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). Southern Nevada AHEC is an educational outreach office of the University of Nevada School of Medicine.