



Padua Franciscan High School

Press Release

Padua Franciscan Students Attend Medical Training in LA

CLEVELAND, OH (November 25, 2008) – Padua Franciscan High School students interested in medical careers will benefit from the school's new MedTrack program, and the school is already helping them get ahead in the study of medicine. In the summer of 2008, three Padua students attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine program in Los Angeles.

Students Brianna Kozar, Elizabeth Balazsy, and Robert Dohar attended the ten-day program hosted by the National Youth Leadership Forum. While there, they visited medical schools and hospitals to develop firsthand knowledge of what a career in the medical profession is really like. The students praised the program for expanding their knowledge of available medical careers, and for its emphasis on interaction with doctors and other medical professionals.

"We were pleased to have so many students attend the Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine," said David Stec, Principal of Padua Franciscan. "Student interest in the forum was one of the factors that led to the establishment of our MedTrack program for students interested in pursuing medical careers."

The new MedTrack curriculum was created with the advice and guidance of medical professionals from area hospitals, including Padua alumni, and the input of biology and medical science instructors from colleges and medical schools. MedTrack builds upon Padua's strong science program as a foundation, and enriches the learning experience with additional courses and activities. The combination of Padua's strong science curriculum with the experience and input of Cleveland's medical community makes the program an ideal learning environment for students interested in the medical profession.

The MedTrack program was conceived, in part, to meet the growing interest in medical-related careers among Padua students. The new curriculum was designed to provide students an exposure to the study of medicine before committing to a career path. MedTrack offers students an opportunity to explore the many options available in the medical industry and to show their commitment to the medical profession, helping them stand out as qualified candidates for advanced study programs.

Interested students can sign up now for the MedTrack program for the 2009 freshman school year. Application and requirements can be found on the Padua website, www.paduafranciscan.com/medtrack.

Padua Franciscan is the largest private, co-educational secondary school in northeast Ohio. It is one of the few schools officially chartered by the State of Ohio as college-preparatory. In 2004 and 2006, Padua was named one of the nation's top 50 Catholic secondary schools by the Acton Institute. Padua is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools as well as the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Agency.

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