Pre-Health for the Deaf

General information

• Who is it for?
  o Pre-Health Professional students with some, little, or no Deaf Culture or American Sign Language (ASL) knowledge
    ▪ i.e. dental hygienist, dentist, doctor, child life specialist, chiropractor, clinical psychologist, health advocacy lawyer, nurse, occupational therapist, optometrist, podiatrist physical therapist, pharmacist, etc
  o ASL students
    ▪ Especially those open to exploring a healthcare related career
    ▪ Great way to apply your ASL and cultural skills in real world interaction

• What’s the purpose?
  o Show pre-health professional students how gaining ASL and Deaf culture skills can enhance their graduate school applications.
  o Gain an awareness of the significance of improving access to quality healthcare for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.
  o Get students the resources to get involved with the Deaf community

• What does PHD club offer?
  o Grad school advice
    ▪ Workshops with Dr. Georgia Sadler, Associate Director of Outreach at UCSD Cancer Center
      ▪ Learn how to favorably add your experiences with Deaf people to your graduate school applications (personal statement, curriculum vitae)
        ▪ Acquiring ASL and Deaf culture skill can make you stand out from the crowd of applicants
        ▪ Letters of recommendations can draw attention to these unique skills
        ▪ Getting the information on your application in an optimal manner
  o Learn about Deaf people, culture, American Sign Language
    ▪ From real people who work in the Deaf community
      ▪ Deaf people and their healthcare experiences
      ▪ Current health professionals who work with Deaf people
  o Get a UCSD medical student MENTOR who is learning ASL and working with the Deaf community right now!
  o Opportunities for getting involved with the Deaf community
    ▪ Provide information about how to enroll in ASL classes
    ▪ Get connected with Deaf people through community service projects and other events

• Want more information?
  o Contact PHD at thePHDclub@yahoo.com or visit our website at http://cancer.ucsd.edu/Outreach/PublicEducation/Deafinfo/fellowships/club.asp