Alyssa Rodriguez is currently a junior at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Human Biology with a minor in Classical Studies. She hopes to attend medical school after graduating, and eventually specialize in primary care or geriatric medicine.

Makelah Murray, age 19, is transferring from San Joaquin Delta College to Howard University where she will be playing soccer and continuing her educational career in Fall 2019. She is a premedical student. Her project targeted the minority high school student-athlete population in order to encourage higher education, how its financially possible, and also the idea of STEM/Pre-Health field.

Chelsea Stewart graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a B.S in Neuroscience and currently attends California State University, East Bay as a Post Baccalaureate student. As a San Francisco native, Chelsea has a deep interest in children’s health in urban communities. Thus, she aspires to be a Pediatrician working closely with underserved populations to combat health disparities.

Born and raised in Guanajuato, Mexico, Analiy Ortiz strives to give back to underserved communities as an aspiring primary care physician. After graduating from UCLA with a bachelor’s in Biology, she has contributed to Alzheimer’s research as Staff Research Associate at UC Davis Alzheimer’s Disease Center. She is currently serving as VP of Outreach & Recruitment for Mi Mentor, a nonprofit organization connecting pre-health students with mentors. Ortiz recently completed CSU East Bay’s Pre-Professional Health Academic Program and is currently applying to medical school for admission in 2020.
Nicol Laura attends Canada College. As pre-medical student, she seeks opportunities to do her share toward conscious progress and social impact. She thrives in the space where things tend to fall apart — between intention and action. Authentic human connection and collaboration are at the core of her instincts and she uses them to mobilize communities focused on gender equality, social justice and health equity.

Ashley Jackson is a Premedical college student transitioning from a former career as a Ballet dancer to a field of medicine, science, and groundbreaking clinical research. During her whole life, she has been a driven, dedicated, and detail-oriented individual. Whether the focus has been as a ballerina traveling around the world to almost thirty different countries or as a college student inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society or making the Dean’s List of Honor Students, she strives for excellence in all that she does. Ashley is a Leadership Education for Aspiring Physicians Participant with Stanford School of Medicine and is honored to be presenting at Stanford’s Community Engagement Symposium.

Patricia Moreno is a resident of Stockton, CA and a sophomore at San Joaquin Delta College. She is a pre-medical student transferring in the Fall of 2019 to UC Davis for Neurobiology. She was a participant of the 2018 Stanford Summer Community College Premedical Program (SSCCPP) and a scholar in the 2018/19 Cohort Stanford Leadership Education for Aspiring Physicians Program. Patricia’s mission is to improve the health of the Central Valley and its surrounding communities and to improve access to quality mental health care.

Savannah Robinson is a resident of Stockton, CA and a pre-medical student pursuing a double major in Religious Studies and Spanish at the University of the Pacific. She is a scholar of the Community Involvement Program (CIP) at UOP and a scholar in the 2018/19 Cohort for the Stanford Leadership Education for Aspiring Physicians Program. Savannah’s ultimate endeavor is to reduce health disparities, especially mental health, for the Stockton community and surrounding areas.
Kyle Davis is a recent graduate of the University of Montana and a participant in the 2018-2019 Leadership Education for Aspiring Physicians program. Kyle worked with the Marin City Food Pharmacy Initiative this year helping in the setup and presentation of the weekly pop-up food pantry event. This is a 12-week program that serves the residents of Marin City in order to close the gap on health disparities in their community.

Taylor Hollis graduated magna cum laude from Soka University of America in 2016 with a B.A. Liberal Arts Degree with a focus on International Studies and Japanese. During her undergraduate career, Taylor was a leader in multiple extracurricular activities and clubs while being a top collegiate athlete for her university’s NAIA Women’s Soccer Team, NAIA Women’s Golf Team, and the NAIA Track and Field Team. Through her university’s funding, Taylor was able to garner important cross-cultural interpersonal skills through studying abroad in Tokyo and Switzerland, and also gained a better understanding of the intersectionality of health and education as it pertains to disadvantaged populations while teaching English and Math to children in Malawi, Africa. Over time, her interdisciplinary liberal arts background, international, co-curricular, and academic experiences have defined her path to pursuing a future in medicine: by successfully completing a Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program in Spring 2019. Her immediate goal is to matriculate in 2021 to a medical school that will hone competencies such as cultural sensitivity and empathy necessary to serve disadvantaged populations.

Michael Hernandez graduated from UC Berkeley majoring in Public Health. At UC Berkeley, he participated in the Minority Health International Research Training fellowship program in Brazil where he trained local research collaborators how to use equipment to monitor tuberculosis treatment responses. Michael is committed to addressing health disparities and has served as a caregiver, health educator at Lifelong Medical Care and research associate at UCSF Geriatrics Department. He recently successfully completed a UCSF Interprofessional Post Baccalaureate program where he helped establish San Francisco General Hospitals first antibiotic stewardship committee in hopes of helping lower overuse of antibiotics in neonates.

Maria De La Rosa, a resident of Stockton, CA and a junior at San Joaquin Delta College, is a premedical student. Her mission is to increase higher education attendance in minority students in Stockton. Her project focused on providing resources to high school students to facilitate their path to and throughout college.
Aarjit Adhikary
Aarjit has first-hand experience in engendering community awareness on cardiovascular diseases in children and adults. He launched his first project in my hometown in Kathmandu, Nepal—generating awareness among community school children who are at-risk of Rheumatic Heart Disease and Congenital Heart Diseases. After leaving Nepal, Aarjit has continually developed his interest in heart health and community medicine through opportunities provided by healthcare institutions around the Bay Area.

Maha Siddiqui
As a future cardiologist living in the most underserved county in regards to health care, Maha has a passion to take community intervention and reduce mortality. She is a sophomore at UC Berkeley majoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology with an emphasis in Cell and Developmental biology. Her experiences as a register researcher and health technology coach for UCSF’s Heart Health study and her cultural diversity have driven her to collaborate and address the disconnect with oral hygiene and heart health through her project.

Joshua Edick, a resident of San Mateo and a post-baccalaureate student at San Francisco State University, is a premedical student participant in the Stanford Medicine Center of Excellence in Diversity in Medical Education’s Leadership Education for Aspiring Physicians (LEAP) program to improve the health of Bay Area communities. His project focuses on improving the quality of life and longevity for aging adults.