

# OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

## KECK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE OF USC

### *ODI Sponsored Pipeline Programs*

*The Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) aims to recruit, retain and increase the number of underrepresented students enrolled in the Keck School of Medicine of USC, and provide counsel to high school and undergraduate students in the surrounding communities through health and science fairs, tutoring and mentoring programs.*

***Educaciòn Primero (Elementary School)*** Student volunteers are primarily Spanish speaking. The medical students meet monthly with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Eastman Elementary School in East Los Angeles, planting seeds of interest in higher education and encouraging them to strive for excellence. Informative sessions about health matters that directly affect the communities where the participants live are presented by the medical students. The program culminates with “Graduation Day at Keck” for the elementary students

***Tom Bradley Mini Medical School (Elementary School)*** Once a month, a group of medical students attend the Tom Bradley Environmental Science and Humanities Charter Magnet School in South Los Angeles. Elementary school students are exposed to medical and scientific information in an effort to stimulate their interest in medicine and higher education. Medical student volunteers provide 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders with an active and experiential science-based learning opportunity. The program culminates with “Graduation Day at Keck”; elementary students received certificates of completion and personalized surgical scrub tops.

***Hippocrates Circle Program (Middle School)*** provides awareness that a career as a physician is possible to youth from underrepresented communities and diverse backgrounds. This initiative is accomplished through the collaborative efforts of local school districts, medical schools, physicians from the Southern California Permanente Medical Group, and Kaiser Permanente sponsorship. Medical students serve as speakers, campus tour guides and conduct mini-medical workshops.

***USC Med-COR (Medical Counseling, Organizing, and Recruiting – High School)***

For almost 50 years, Med-COR has offered a comprehensive academic enrichment program for Latino, African American, and other minority high school students living in the inner city communities of Los Angeles County. Students attend Saturday sessions where they receive SAT prep instruction along with tutoring in English, Math and Science as well as personalized tutoring.

***Health Career Academy (High School)*** Medical students teach a structured curriculum to high school students based on the drama series ER, instilling the desire to pursue careers as health professionals.

***Bridging the Gaps (BTG- Undergraduate)*** is designed to provide an enriching educational research opportunity to outstanding undergraduate students, who have been historically underrepresented as physicians (MD), physician scientists (MD/PhD) and biomedical scientists (PhD). Students conduct research for 8 weeks in various research settings, shadow physicians and attend seminars and didactic sessions in Statistics and Physiology.



**Educaciòn Primero  
(Pig Heart  
Dissections)**

**Tom Bradley (Pig  
Heart Dissections)**



**Health Career  
Academy – Surgical  
Skills Simulation**



**Med-COR**



**Bridging the Gaps  
Summer Research  
Program**