

COMING NOVEMBER 9, 2024

Trinity Health Of New England—Saint Mary's Hospital

Black Men In White Coats YOUTH SUMMIT

Addressing Root Causes in Medical Disparities—Education



Black Men In White Coats's (BMWC) founder, Dale Okorodudu, M.D., now a Pulmonary/Critical Care physician in Texas, launched Black Men In White Coats, with the goal of empowering young Black boys and girls to pursue excellence in medicine and beyond. He was inspired by the 2013 Association of American Medical College (AAMC) report highlighting the decreasing number of black male applicants to medical school. A subsequent AAMC report was even more alarming and noted that fewer black men applied in 2014 than in 1978.

The organization has grown since that time, ultimately launching BMWC Youth Summits, locally organized events that bring together health care professionals for the single purpose of providing underrepresented minority youth with exposure to the medical field.

Currently, across the United States, 20 summits are held with several great health systems including Brown, Cedars Sinai, Stony Brook, Hillcrest, White Plains, Cone Health, University of Missouri, UCLA and Kaiser Permanente. Connecticut remained off the map until now and we are proud to announce that Saint Mary's Hospital, Trinity Health Of New England will be the host of the inaugural summit here in Connecticut.

Black Men In White Coats Youth Summits (bmwcevents.com)

Saint Mary's Hospital is committed to addressing root causes in medical disparities through a variety of community initiatives. Diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts at Saint Mary's Hospital strive to have a positive impact on the communities we serve. Our Summer Shadowing Program brings young adults into the hospital during the summer for a week-long exposure to front-line health care being delivered at Saint Mary's Hospital. We also participate in the Waterbury Promise Scholarship program, with the goal to encourage and empower Waterbury students to pursue higher education.

The BMWC Summit is a natural progression for Saint Mary's. The program is slated for November 9, 2024, with an attendant goal of 1000 participants—boys and girls 3rd grade and up, parents, educators, and community influencers. Keynote speakers including Dr. Dale Okorodudu, as well as breakout sessions will not only deliver hands-on experiences to students at the event but will also provide education for parents and caregivers on the "how to" aspects of pursuing higher education for their children and overcoming barriers that may be present. The afternoon will culminate with a panel session, Black Men and Women in White Coats, where our providers will share their perspective on the journey to a health care career.

Baltimore, MD

Hosted by Johns Hopkins

Los Angeles, CA

Hosted by Cedars Sinai

Chicago, IL

Hosted by Chicago AHEC

Indianapolis, IN

Hosted by Community Health Network

Houston, TX

Hosted by Kelsey-Seybold Clinics

Lewisburg, WV

Hosted by West Virginia SOM

Ft. Worth, TX

Hosted by UNT Health Science Center TCOM

White Plains, NY

Hosted by White Plains Hospital

Columbia, MO

Hosted by Univ of Missouri

Des Moines, IA

Hosted by Unity Point

Providence, RI

Hosted by Brown Univ

Akron, OH

Hosted by Summa Health

Denver, CO

Hosted by Univ of Colorado School of Medicine

St. Paul, MN

Hosted by Gillete's Children

Greensboro, NC

Hosted by Cone Health

Charlotte, NC

Hosted by Novant Health

Oakland, CA

Hosted by Kaiser Permanente

Cleveland, OH

Hosted by University Hospitals

South Carolina

Hosted by Urban League

Tulsa, OK

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