Office of Admissions

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Dear Guidance Counselor/High School Administrator,

We have begun the selection process for the 2018-2019 Medical Science Academy. The Medical Science Academy is a 28-week medical orientation program conducted for high school senior honor students by the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine (RowanSOM, formerly UMDNJ-SOM). All candidates must complete the attached application and include academic records (official school transcript with SAT, PSAT, and/or ACT scores) as well as a brief essay articulating their future goals. The program coordinator will then select students for participation in the program. Although not required, letters of recommendation from guidance counselors, administrators, and/or science faculty will be taken into consideration when selecting the scholars. Please note that the sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. It is important that students who are selected have class schedules that can accommodate this time.

Criteria for selection into the Medical Science Academy are:

• Class ranking in the top 25% of the class
• An interest in the fields of math, science, or the health professions (with a special interest in medicine)
• Emotional maturity and a willingness to commit to a year long program
• Transportation (Students must be able to drive or arrange transportation to and from the Stratford Campus)

Enclosed is a program description outlining the basic objectives of the Medical Science Academy as well as the RowanSOM participation contract that must be completed by the students and their parents. Our deadline for these forms is Friday, April 6, 2018.

Please note that RowanSOM is HIPAA compliant and will require schools to submit documentation verifying that their students are up to date with required immunizations for those students who are selected prior to starting the program.

We look forward to your school’s participation in our program.

Sincerely yours,

Paula Watkins
Assistant Dean for Admissions