

## 2017 ASPIRING PHYSICIANS & RESEARCH SCIENTISTS CONFERENCE

### Summary

Undergraduate college students from across the nation came together to participate in the 9th Annual Aspiring Physicians & Research Scientists Conference (APRSC) hosted by Cleveland Clinic's Office of Diversity & Inclusion on Wednesday, May 24th, Thursday, May 25th and Friday, May 26th, 2017 on Cleveland Clinic Main Campus.

During the conference designed for Under-represented Minorities in Medicine (URMM) and 1st generation college students, Cleveland Clinic physician and research scientist-led sessions provided attendees a unique opportunity to present research, identify mentors, and develop core competencies for entering medical students. The conference itinerary consisted of presentations, activities, and mock interviews designed to support personal and professional development, matriculation to medical or graduate school, and successful transition to a STEMM career.

As a result of attending the conference, participants indicated that they feel better prepared to apply to post-graduate education, can understand and articulate Cleveland Clinic's brand as an academic medical center, and plan to follow up to establish a mentor/mentee relationship. Additionally, participants noted that their overall experience was empowering, engaging, and inspiring based on the stories of resilience and passion for the field of medicine shared by our world-renowned staff.

Each year, the call for applications to participate in the annual Aspiring Physicians & Research Scientists Conference occurs from February – April. Students apply for acceptance into this diversity pipeline talent development program. For more information, please contact Yentil Rawlinson at [rawliny@ccf.org](mailto:rawliny@ccf.org).



**10 Colleges/Universities  
Represented**



**60% of the 2017  
participants attended  
Historically Black Colleges  
& Universities (HBCUs)**



**Awarded over \$5k  
in scholarships**

