Doctors in Science (DiS)
A Longitudinal Mentorship Program

Purpose: To facilitate service projects to benefit the Columbus and Athens communities, and simultaneously develop emerging professionals who have the skills to address unmet health-related needs throughout their careers.

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DiS addresses the lack of exposure of underprivileged youth to the healthcare professions. We are thus established as a longitudinal mentorship program for middle school students interested in science, medicine, and dentistry.

Mission
“*To promote a culture of creativity, collaboration, and excellence for students interested in science, medicine, and dentistry*”

Goals
1) To expose students to various aspects of healthcare
2) To help students develop constructive habits to facilitate their continued academic success and growth

Community Partner
• Champion Middle School (Columbus City Schools)

Calling Champion the worst middle school in Ohio and a perpetual failure at helping students rise above the dismal circumstances of their Near East Side neighborhood, the Columbus Dispatch noted that just 11 percent of seventh-graders passed the state math test in 2009, one of six academic areas it placed last in statewide. [10/03/10]

Accomplishments
Program-Based
• Weekly meetings
• NCH Middle School Career Day
• Dentistry Workshop
• “I Know I Can” Luncheon
• MBC in Columbus
• OSUMC Field Trip

Administrative-Based
• EIN, Trademark, and Articles of Incorporation completed
• Financial status, web page, and contact information established
• 501(c)(3) status pending

Looking Ahead
• Continuing local efforts
• Establishing national leadership and partnerships

In light of our two-fold goals as a longitudinal mentorship program, DiS has established both short- and long-term aims. Our five-year aims are to 1) maintain formal and consistent mentoring with DiS students at Champion; 2) establish an executive board and advisory committee; and 3) have at least one DiS student gain admission to an elite private boarding or day school through the A Better Chance (ABC) organization. Our ten-year aims are to 1) slowly, strategically, and effectively expand DiS beyond Columbus and 2) continue the DiS pipeline into ABC. Our fifteen-year aims are to 1) maintain the above-mentioned expanded DiS programming and 2) to have a formal summer residential program for DiS students.

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