Office of Diversity Programs

The mission of the Office of Diversity Programs is to enhance the educational environment through the recruitment of a culturally diverse academic workforce, while preparing a diverse student body to become leaders in a vibrant, global society. By enhancing the diversity of the medical workforce, and improving culturally competent or cross-cultural communication and practice, we can more effectively reduce health inequities.

Our office provides first-year students with an overview of health care and public health in St. Louis through the Washington University Medical Plunge or WUMP. In addition, we facilitate opportunities for students to volunteer in clinics in underserved neighborhoods and engage in service in the community, further enhancing their understanding of culturally sensitive health care. We sponsor and promote a number of community service outreach programs throughout the educational pipeline to introduce students from underrepresented and economically disadvantaged groups to careers in science and medicine. We believe that this pipeline approach is the most successful way to develop students who will assume leadership roles in medicine and public health on a local, national and international level.

For more information on diversity at the School of Medicine, please visit the Office of Diversity Programs website (http://medschooldiversity.wustl.edu).