

Freshman Summer Success Program

The **FSSP** is an expanded orientation program for incoming freshmen that fully engages students in the critical transition from high school to college



Health Care Reform: The Promise of Affordable Access to Medical Care for All

Among the most controversial challenges facing our nation's current administration, health care continues to dominate the political arena. Heated debates question the fate of proposed efforts to reform a system that few would argue is adequate to provide care for all. In Houston, we witness both the failure and the promise of the U. S. health care system. Almost one-third of our residents have no insurance, the highest percentage for any major city in the country. Yet the city takes pride in claiming the Texas Medical Center, a world-

renowned cluster of medical institutions --- trauma centers, research hospitals, educational facilities--- that offers everything from pioneering treatment to grass roots preventive care. The irony of such an incongruity forces us to evaluate the options and speculate the consequences. How can we address the failure without undermining the promise? Is universal health care feasible while controlling health care costs and reducing the threat of financial ruin for individuals?

The 2010 Freshman Summer Success Program will focus not only on our national health care crisis but investigate the issue of accessibility and affordability from a broader perspective as the global community responds to this plight challenging our planet's sustainability. The recent tragedy in Haiti has focused world-wide attention on the countless injured individuals whose survival was compromised by inaccessibility to medical care. Yet despite a tragedy of this magnitude, each day, poverty continues to claim an even greater number of victims who lack the finances to seek basic medical assistance.

The feasibility, economics, and social equity aspects of health care reform in this country will provide a platform for discussion and research as we consider the significance and enormity of addressing the medical concerns of the global community as a legacy for future generations.



Required attendance for program participants:

- **Saturday, July 10th (9:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m.)**
Opening Sessions for students and parents
- **Academic Classes – Choose either:**
Monday, July 12^h and Wednesday, July 14th (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
OR
Tuesday, July 13th and Thursday, July 15th (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- **Friday, July 16th: Advising/ Registration (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**
Dinner for students and parents (6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

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