

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

OUTREACH COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FOR THE 2010 - 2011 SCHOOL YEAR

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This document summarizes the major activities supported by the Outreach Council during the fifth year of Council operations. The Council works in partnership with local schools to provide community children with enriched educational, health and career experiences and opportunities. Representatives from all schools and campus administrative units serve on the Council, which consists of students, faculty and staff. Our local partner schools include:

- George Washington Elementary (GWES);
- Southwest Baltimore Charter (SWBC) and
- Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy (VTTMAA).

During the summer and fall of 2010, Outreach Council members developed detailed planning and programming for **CLUB UMD** – (1) a free after-school youth leadership and mentoring program for George Washington Elementary School and Southwest Baltimore Charter School and (2) an internship program on the University of Maryland campus for seniors earning academic credit from Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy. **CLUB UMD** is supported by many volunteers from among the students, faculty and staff at the University of Maryland.

Council members participated in one of the five work groups listed below to develop **CLUB UMD** programming to address areas of need identified by our partner schools: (1) college and career opportunities, (2) science and health enrichment, and (3) family engagement activities.

Outreach Council Work Groups For the Planning & Development of CLUB UMD 2010-2011 School Year

- **Recruitment Work Group**
 - Co-Chairs: Meaghan George (School of Nursing) and Anna Kim (School of Pharmacy)
 - Members: Ali-Sha Alleman (School of Social Work), Larissa Behuniak (School of Social Work), Kelly Bianco (School of Medicine), Kristine Mayer (School of Nursing), Vogtle Ninh (Dental School), and Andrew York (Pharmacy/Law/Student Government Association).

The **Recruitment Work Group** was instrumental in initially recruiting over 60 volunteers from among the students, faculty and staff across the University of Maryland campus to serve as mentors and presenters for the CLUB UMD youth leadership & mentoring program. Through April, 2011, more than 100 individuals volunteered for the program. The children in the program have benefitted greatly from their interaction with the mentors. The principals, teachers and staff from the schools are most appreciative of these efforts.

- **College and Career Work Group**
 - Co-Chairs: Teresa Schmiedeler (School of Law) and Jeannie Shum (School of Pharmacy)
 - Members: Kelly Abbott (Dental Hygiene), Daria Awusah (School of Law), Jamar Brown (School of Law), Beatrice Digen (School of Medicine), Stephanie Gillis (School of Nursing), Shawna Murray (School of Social Work), Vicki Tepper (School of Medicine), and Yvette Washington (Academic Affairs)

The **College and Career Work Group** developed age appropriate, interactive learning experiences relating to higher education and careers in law and healthcare for the CLUB UMD youth leadership & mentoring program. These activities have bolstered students' interest in higher education and professional careers.

- **Science and Health Work Group**
 - Co-Chairs: Dr. Miriam Blitzer (School of Medicine) and Dr. Chanel Agness (Pharmacy School)
 - Members: Leila Ashkeboussi (School of Law), Christopher Anderson (Dental School), Sina Ekici (Med Tech), Reney Henderson (School of Medicine), Andrea Levine (School of Medicine), Katie O'Malley (School of Law), Jenny Owens (Academic Affairs), and Nicole Papel (School of Nursing)

The **Science and Health Work Group** identified and developed age appropriate, interactive learning experiences relating to science, math and health for the CLUB UMD youth leadership & mentoring program. These activities heightened students' understanding and enthusiasm for basic science and math concepts and enriched their overall learning process.

- **Family Engagement Work Group**
 - Co-Chairs: Meredith Solomon (Health Sciences and Human Services Library) and Deborah Cartee (Dental Hygiene)
 - Members: Marjorie Buchanan (School of Nursing), Angela Fowler-Young (Administration and Finance), Latoshia Hunt (School of Social Work), John Jones (Administration and Finance), Sarah Saxton (Dental Museum), Dr. Nancy Lever (School of Medicine), Tom Sloane (School of Medicine), Connie Mitchell (School of Pharmacy), Fred Strieder (School of Social Work), Nina Wu (School of Law)

The **Family Engagement Work Group** planned and implemented our signature family engagement and fundraising event, the 3rd Annual Community Partner Art Expo which raised more than \$1400 for CLUB UMD and our partner schools and drew more than 80 family members from our partner schools. The work group continues to strategize with regard to ways to raise funds and leverage campus resources to benefit families of children attending our partner schools. Parents and other family members have indicated their appreciation for this support.

- **Internships at VTTMAA Work Group**
 - Co-Chairs: Jonathan Cooper (School of Medicine) and Sheila Greenwood (Admin. & Finance)
 - Members: Bronwyn Mayden (School of Social Work), Lisa Rawlings (Research and Development), Brian Sturdivant (External Affairs), Terry Hickey (School of Law), Elizabeth Nwosa (School of Nursing), Jane Shaab (Research & Development), Norman Tinanoff (Dental School), Kalima Young (School of Medicine)

The **Internship Work Group** identified campus-based placements for student interns from the Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy. The work group supported interviews, training of students, and orientation for volunteer University of Maryland supervisors. Feedback from mentors and supervisors regarding this pilot program has been very positive.

**Summary of CLUB UMD Activities
2010- 2011 Academic Year
Program at George Washington Elementary and Diggs-Johnson Middle School**

In October of 2010, the University of Maryland Outreach Council began implementation of the **CLUB UMD** program, a free after-school youth leadership and mentoring program for 3rd through 5th grade students at George Washington Elementary on Mondays and for 5th through 8th grade students at Southwest Baltimore Charter School on Thursdays. Students, faculty and staff from the University of Maryland campus were recruited as mentors and presenters for the program.

Through April, 2011, the University of Maryland Outreach Council and campus volunteers have provided over 800 hours of service for participants with more than 200 campus volunteers serving as council members, mentors and presenters.

A list of specific activities provided during the 2010-2011 school year follows.

George Washington Elementary School - CLUB UMD Activities for the 2010-2011 Academic Year:

Note: the activities listed below for George Washington Elementary students all included 30 minutes of homework time.

- **10/04/10** – CLUB UMD Orientation/Kick Off, mentors and mentees met for the first time and completed a “College and Career” survey.
- **10/11/10** – Program on eating a healthy diet, including a food pyramid scavenger hunt and measuring and comparing the amount of salt and sugar in items bought from corner stores.
- **10/18/10** – Mentees learned about the different careers offered at University of Maryland, Baltimore and acted out different professions in a game of “Career Charades.”
- **10/25/10** – (Campus Visit) Mentees visited the UM campus, where the mentees were presented with information about how to stop the spread of germs at the Allied Health Building, and participated in the “Diabetic Halloween” activity provided by Pharmacy students.
- **11/01/10** – Presentation on a healthy heart from School of Pharmacy faculty and Academic Affairs staff, including activities and information about how to record one’s heart rate.
- **11/08/10** - Mentees participated in a youth nutrition and policy debate. Teams debated whether school lunches are healthy and whether or not cookies should be included on the school lunch menu.
- **11/15/10** – Presentation on avoiding the spread of germs given by School of Medicine faculty.
- **11/29/10** – Mentees participated in a presentation called “First Impressions,” which included information on how to make good first impressions and mock “good” and “bad” job interviews.
- **12/06/10** – Mentees and mentors participated in a festive holiday party sponsored by CLUB UMD. Officer J. R. Jones and Scruff McGruff the crime dog made an appearance to teach the mentees how to stay safe over the winter holidays.
- **2/14/11** - CLUB UMD resumed for the spring semester; mentees developed their own set of Club UMD rules.
- **2/28/11** - Mentees participated in a recycling scavenger hunt in which they had to find items and properly classify them as recyclable or not.
- **3/7/11** - Students participated in physical activity in the school’s gymnasium using pedometers to record number of steps and activity level. Students taking the most steps during the activity earned prizes.

- **3/21/11** – Mentees learned about poisons and their dangers and participated in a Poison Center Jeopardy Game led by School of Pharmacy faculty members.
- **3/28/11** - Students participated in physical activity in the school’s gymnasium using pedometers to record number of steps and activity level. Students taking the most steps during the activity earned prizes.
- **4/4/11** - (Campus Trip) – Mentees participated in a UM Campus visit where they participated in career development activities at the School of Nursing and School of Law.
- **4/11/11** - Students participated in physical activity in the school’s gymnasium using pedometers to record number of steps and activity level. Students taking the most steps during the activity earned prizes.
- **5/2/11** - Mentees and mentors participated in a year end party where they will evaluate the program, and reflect on what was learned throughout the year. Pictures will be taken for a CLUB UMD yearbook and the group will discuss the formation of a “CLUB UMD Alumni group”

Southwest Baltimore Charter School - CLUB UMD Activities for the 2010-2011 Academic Year:

- **10/06/10** – CLUB UMD Orientation/Kick Off, mentors and mentees meet for the first time and complete a “College and Career” survey.
- **10/13/10** – Program on eating a healthy diet, including information on the food pyramid and measuring the amount of salt and sugar in items bought from corner stores.
- **10/20/10** – Mentees learned about the different careers offered at the University of Maryland, Baltimore campus and about the requirements necessary to pursue their careers of interest. Mentees also acted out different professions in a game of “Career Charades.”
- **10/27/10** – (Campus Visit) Mentees visited the UM campus, where guided tours were offered through the School of Medicine’s Davidge Hall and they participated in the “Diabetic Halloween” activity provided by students from the School of Pharmacy.
- **11/03/10** – Presentation on heart health from School of Pharmacy faculty and Academic Affairs staff, including activities and information about how to record one’s heart rate.
- **11/10/10** – Mentees participated in a youth nutrition and policy debate, where teams of mentees debated whether school lunches are healthy.
- **11/17/10** – Student interns from Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy visited CLUB UMD at SWBC and gave presentations about their internships on the UM campus and talked to the 8th grade mentees about Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy as a potential choice for high school. The interns also gave general advice concerning how to succeed in high school.
- **12/1/10** – Mentees participated in a presentation called “First Impressions,” which included information on how to make good first impressions on a job interview. CLUB UMD staff, mentors, and mentees demonstrated “good” and “bad” mock interviews.
- **12/08/10** – Mentees and mentors participated in a festive holiday party sponsored by CLUB UMD. Mentees reviewed what they learned from previous CLUB UMD meetings.
- **2/16/11** - CLUB UMD resumed for the spring semester; mentees developed Club UMD rules.

- **2/23/11** - Mentees participated in a recycling scavenger hunt in which they had to find items and properly classify them as recyclable or not.
- **3/2/11** - Presentation about conceptualizing career plans. A pharmacy student & Schweitzer Fellow from the UM campus arranged for career speakers from Wells Fargo/Wachovia Bank to talk to mentees about funding options for college. Mentees and mentors participated in a college jeopardy game.
- **3/9/11** - Presentation to mentees about career planning and the steps beginning with middle school that are necessary for successful career planning. Mentees began to research and draft their career plans.
- **3/23/11** - Mentees participated in a Poison Center jeopardy game in which they learned about common household poisons, their dangers, and how to contact the Poison Control Center should they or someone they know ingest something potentially dangerous or poisonous.
- **3/30/11** - Mentees further developed their career plans with support from mentors and program staff.
- **4/6/11** - (Campus Visit)- Mentees participated in a UM campus visit where they participated in career development activities at the Schools of Nursing and Law.
- **4/13/11** - Mentees participated in an interactive discussion on sustainability led by representatives of Smart Home Services, a specialty residential and commercial contractor that completed an energy assessment on the Southwest Baltimore Charter School building.
- **4/27/11** - Mentees and mentors participated in a year end party where they will evaluate the program, and reflect on what was learned throughout the year. Pictures will be taken for a CLUB UMD yearbook and the group will discuss the formation of a “CLUB UMD Alumni group.”

Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy - CLUB UMD Internship Program for the 2010-2011 Academic Year

Beginning in the fall of 2009, the Outreach Council piloted an internship program for seniors from Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy (VTTMAA). For the 2010 – 2011 academic year, the campus hosted 6 student placements in laboratories across the UM campus during the fall and spring semester. Students worked under the guidance of researchers on the University of Maryland campus three afternoons each week. The program requires each intern to create and present a PowerPoint summary of their internship experience at the end of the semester. The following reflects 2010-2011 placements.

Internship Placements - Volunteer Mentor / Supervisors 2010-2011

1. Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy

- Supervisors: Angela Wilks, PhD (Primary) Professor and Vice Chair of Research, School of Pharmacy, Kylie Barker and Kaitlin Barkovits (PSC Department Staff)

2. Pathology - School of Medicine

- Supervisors: Feng Jiang MD, PhD (primary) & Jun Shen, PhD Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

3. Pathology – School of Medicine

- Supervisor: Jianyuan Luo, PhD.

4. Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy

- Supervisors: Jia Bei Wang MD, PhD & Elizabeth Barbier, PhD, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

5. Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy

- Supervisors: Dr. Sarah Michel, PhD, Sarah Evans, PSC Department Staff, Jamie Michalek & Angelique Besold, PSC Graduate Students

6. Biopolymer Core Facility, School of Medicine

- Supervisors: Patricia Campbell PhD (primary), Nicholas Ambulos, PhD & Jing Yin, Research Supervisor

Interns – 2010-2011

- Nathaniel Funderburk
- Monique Lofton
- Breanna Welborn
- Krystal Gilliam
- Delvin Thompson

**Special Outreach Council Volunteer Activities
Summer 2010 and 2010-2011 School Year**

Ongoing Activities:

- **Support for Summer Research Program** – The Statewide Health Network sponsored the summer, 2010 program, led by Dr. Claudia Baquet, School of Medicine. This was a 6 to 8 week research program for VTTMAA students. The University of Maryland Outreach Council assisted in recruiting mentors and supported life-skills training workshops for participants. Information about the program was provided to parents.
- **Breathmobile** – The University of Maryland Hospital for Children’s Breathmobile visits GWES providing asthma education and prevention services and screenings.
- **Mental Health Services** – Social Work Community Outreach Service (SWCOS), part of the University of Maryland School of Social Work, provides mental health interventions for non-special education students at GWES.
- **Schweitzer Fellows – College and Career Awareness** – Shivani Gandhi, Schweitzer Fellow and Pharmacy student partnered with CLUB UMD to increase College and Career awareness among Southwest Baltimore Charter School students.

- **2nd Annual Community Partner Art Expo and Fund Raiser – 2/4/11 – 2/25/11** – University of Maryland hosted the 3rd Community Partner Art Expo at the Weiss Gallery in the Health Sciences and Human Services Library, featuring artwork from students at GWES and SWBC. Families, friends, students, art teachers, and University of Maryland faculty, students and staff will be invited to an opening and closing reception. More than \$1400 was raised via silent auction of the artwork during the display period.

One-Time Events Sponsored by the University of Maryland Outreach Council

- **August, 2010** - UM Campus Tour – Government and Community Affairs staff member, Jamar Brown led students from Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy Summer Bridge program on a tour of the UM campus.
- **8/10/10** - Campus Tour for VTTMAA incoming Freshmen – Nursing, DMRT (in hospital).
- **10/01/10** - Back to School Night @ GWES – photographs were taken of students dressed as health and law professionals. Several photographs were chosen to be included on holiday cards for President Perman.
- **10/3/10** - SOL Day of Service (20 students) – Student volunteers participated "cleaning tour" of our school's perimeter - including the playground used in Carroll Park; reorganizing supply room, packing three truckloads of old televisions, monitors, rolling carts, and other outdated technology that had piled up in the school's storage area.
- **10/10/10** – UM Community Affairs Director referred student group (10 students) from University of Pennsylvania interested in service opportunity in Baltimore to SWBC. Students addressed three critical areas: readying library books for the selves; setting up media room hardware for upcoming testing; and helping clear out a large locker room full of construction materials and debris.
- **November, 2010** - First year law students donated \$181 to Southwest Baltimore Charter School and donated canned goods (to help families celebrate Thanksgiving) to George Washington Elementary School. Students also donated \$143 to George Washington Elementary for a school uniform fund.
- **November, 2010** – UM Bookstore held book drive to benefit George Washington Elementary School.
- **11/2/10** – Students from across UM campus participated in George Washington Elementary School's career day program.
- **11/8/10** - President's Inauguration – A choral group from SWBC performed selections at President Perman's inauguration. The UM Office of External Affairs created DVDs of the students' performance for each student who performed.
- **11/17/10** – Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy students interning on the UM campus presented reports regarding their high school and internship experience at Southwest Baltimore Charter School's CLUB UMD session.
- **12/9/10** - President Perman visited George Washington Elementary School to thank students for participating in the back to school event where UM volunteers assisted in dressing them as health professionals for a photo shoot. Several of the photos were chosen to be included on President Perman's holiday card. President Perman also took time to promote careers in health, law and human services.
- **December, 2010** - Holiday Card Drawing Contest – Students from GWES were invited to submit drawings to be used on holiday cards that were sold as a CLUB UMD fundraiser.
- **January, 2011** - SWBC Annual Fund Donation – UM Office of External Affairs donated \$100 to SWBC annual fund.

- **January, 2011** – UM Administration and Finance Department purchased and donated 40 frames in support of the 3rd Annual Community Partner Art Expo and Silent Auction fundraiser to support the CLUB UMD mentoring and youth leadership program.
- **February, 2011** - GWES Fund Donation - UM Office of External Affairs donated \$100 to GWES to support Saturday preparation for statewide testing of students.
- **2/4/11** – Students from Legally Sound, a student A-Capella group from the School of Law performed at the 3rd Annual Community Partner Art Expo.
- **2/4/11** – Students from University of Maryland Dental School welcomed 40 GWES students to the Dental Museum for Give Kids a Smile Day, a public service event that teaches children the importance of oral hygiene. Dental students applied fluoride varnish to the teeth of participants.
- **2/25/11** – Students from Otitis Musica, a musical group from the UM School of Medicine performed at the closing reception of the 3rd annual Community Partner Art Expo.
- **2/17/11** – First Year Medical Students, as part of Intro to Clinical Medicine class, provided health and nutrition education presentation to 6th graders at Southwest Baltimore Charter School
- **3/4/11** – UM BioPark hosted the Y of Central Maryland Chess Tournament attended by students representing 9 Baltimore City Public Schools which included George Washington Elementary (CLUB UMD students).
- **5/9/11** – UM Representative participated in Budget meeting at VTTMAA as Community Partner
- **5/26/11** – UM Community Affairs Director presented to parents of VTTMAA students recruited for Summer Research Program regarding specifics of the program
- **6/2/11** – volunteers from the UM Campus Community Supported GWES Spirit Week Walking Trip to Carroll Park – Chaperoning students
- **6/3/11** – Volunteers from the UM campus community supported GWES Spirit Week Carnival – chaperoning, staffing booths, set-up and break-down, etc.
- **6/7/11** – UM hosted 5th grade graduation for students from George Washington Elementary School. Representatives from the College Savings Plans of Maryland will be on hand to distribute information to parents.
- **6/10/11** - UM hosted 5th grade graduation for students from George Washington Elementary School. Representatives from the College Savings Plans of Maryland will be on hand to distribute information to parents.
- **6/14/11** – Outreach Council Family Engagement Work Group supported GWES Spirit Week Talent Show – by making arrangements for resource tables to distribute information to parents (Fire Dept – Smoke Detector Installation sign up, Baltimore City Health Dept – Services for Custodial Grandparents, Family Connections, School of Medicine’s Public Health Dept, External Affairs – Current Job Vacancies and other services & Maryland State College Savings Plans)
- **6/20/11** – UM News Bureau Director hosted a Graduation Party at his home for teachers and graduates of Southwest Baltimore Charter School

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