Cleveland Clinic Summer Scholars Program
Cleveland Clinic Florida
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Overview of the Program

- Pre-medical students will have the opportunity to explore their desired career fields in healthcare at Cleveland Clinic.
- Students have direct interaction with physicians, and are able to observe various surgeries in the OR in order to have full exposure of Cleveland Clinic.
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- Students are assigned three rotations.
  - Each rotation will last two weeks.
- The program lasts for 6-weeks beginning in mid-June until the end of July.
- The time commitment per day varies depending on the specialty where the student is placed.
  - Expect to be in Cleveland Clinic from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Last Day of Program

Graduation on last day of program

At the end of the Summer Scholars program, students are required to give a presentation of an experience/patient that changed their outlook on healthcare.

This will be presented to their peers, medical staff, and Dr. Sands (colorectal surgeon who founded the program).
My Experience

- **Breast Surgery**
  - Observed mastectomies in OR
  - Learned about breast cancer cells, mammograms, biopsies
  - Hospital rounds, formed relationships with patients

- **Colorectal Surgery**
  - Observed TATME (transanal total mesorectal excision), removal of sigmoid colons, and more in OR

- **Gastroenterology**
  - Observed and learned about pancreatitis, gastric cancer, and other common GI issues through colonoscopies and endoscopies
Application Requirements

Open to local high school seniors and college pre-med students.

Applications available in January and due by the end of February.

Application materials can be found online (http://my.clevelandclinic.org/florida/education/summer-scholar-program.aspx)

Application Requirements include...

- Two letters of Recommendation
- Academic Transcript (3.4 GPA)
- Personal Statement/Essay
- Recent TB/PPD test results
- Evident of Immunization (Titers)

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