

From the community:

Rosalind Franklin University students offer healthcare career fair at Waukegan High School



Rosalind Franklin University students discuss careers in health care with Waukegan High School students. Physician Assistant student Lauren Golding, who organized the fair, is at far right, in white coat. (Posted by judy.masterson, Community Contributor)

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Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science students recently visited Waukegan High School to offer a healthcare careers fair.

More than a dozen graduate students pursuing degrees in medicine, physician assistant, pharmacy, pathologists' assistant, podiatry and research discussed their academic paths and career goals with WHS students and answered questions.

The fair was hosted on Feb. 20 by Health Care Explorations for Local Student Populations, an initiative of the RFU-based Franklin Fellowship, which serves to develop a community of students committed to interprofessional service, leadership and educational excellence.

Franklin Fellow Lauren Golding, a first-year physician assistant student, created the service project.

"I would have benefitted from something like this," said Golding, a native of Bloomfield Hills, Mich. "Students need to know how they can get on the path to healthcare careers. The fastest way to learn is to ask questions of people in those academic programs."

The career fair also allowed RFU students the opportunity "to reach out to a community they may not know," Golding said.

"It's important to open the door to students who may want to pursue careers in healthcare, but lack awareness and opportunity," she said.

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, located at 3333 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, is a national leader in interprofessional medical and healthcare education, offering a doctor of medicine degree through the Chicago Medical School; doctor of podiatric medicine degree through the Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine; doctor of pharmacy degree through the College of Pharmacy; and a range of degrees through its College of Health Professions, including nurse anesthesia, psychology, nutrition, physical therapy, pathologists' assistant and physician assistant. The university also offers advanced biomedical degrees through the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. For more information, visit www.rosalindfranklin.edu.