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Georgia AAP: Message from ECP Chair regarding Mentorship Program

Hi Early Career Physicians:

I heard about a great mentorship program that is low effort and can have a high impact experience for your community.

Www.YPIprogram.com

The Young Physicians Initiative provides a positive and engaging mentorship experience to prepare middle school, high school and undergraduate students in their journey toward becoming a doctor in the future

Who is a YPI Volunteer Professional (VP)? Healthcare professionals can participate in YPI sessions according to their schedule and availability.

What are the responsibilities?

There is minimal time commitment and work in being involved as we try to maximize the impact of your time and efforts while having fun. You can volunteer whenever you can or available.

What are the benefits of being a volunteer? Educate students about the pathways toward medicine Motivate and inspire students into medicine Provide advice and guidance Have fun speaking to motivated groups

There are three ways to choose:

1. Be a guest speaker

Talk about your journey in medicine, discuss your current career and provide advice to students interested in medicine. We have many opportunities to be a speaker during our YPI college or high school sessions, conferences, summits or community YPI Pop-up sessions.

2. Present a case

Bring a medical case to present as it is done on rounds. Interact and engage with students to arrive at the diagnosis.

If you are a medical resident and want to participate in our YPI undergraduate sessions, please read here for further details.

3. Doctor for a Day conference

Attend our annual conference to meet motivated students and participate in the networking lunch and/or speaker panel. You can learn more about Doctor for a Day conference here.

4. Advice & Inspire

You have the opportunity to offer advice for students to contact you regarding the field of medicine. You can also provide shadowing opportunities if available at your location.

Sincerely, Sylvia Washington, M.D., F.A.A.P.