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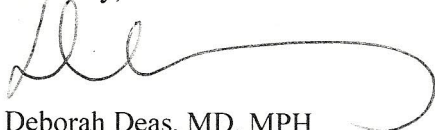
Dear Guidance Director/Counselor:

I am pleased to announce that the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) College of Medicine will begin its fifth year of the medical student mentorship program. The Student Mentors for Minorities in Medicine (SM³) was inspired by "*A Gentleman and A Scholar Mentoring Program*," founded by African-American male medical students at MUSC. Today, the program has been expanded to include all under-represented in medicine students (African-American, Native-American and Hispanic). Additionally, the program also includes under-represented in medicine female individuals with the inaugural year for "*A Lady and A Scholar Mentoring Program*." These initiatives are student driven and supported by the College of Medicine. The aim of the program is to engage under-represented in medicine individuals in a mentoring process (academic and professional) that will prepare them for a future career in medicine.

The College of Medicine invites both male and female under-represented in medicine high school and college students interested in the health professions career field to apply. Your assistance in distributing the applications to students at your institution is appreciated.

A brief description of the program and copies of the application are enclosed. The application deadline is **October 5, 2012**. If there are questions, please do not hesitate to contact my program manager, Ms. Marshelle L. Grant at 843-792-5222, or email her at grantml@musc.edu.

Sincerely,



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