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(A) Report Only

Recognition

Presenter(s): SAMUEL MIJARES, ASST. SUPT. for C & I

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SENAYDA SAUCEDO FOR HER ACCEPTANCE INTO FAME PROGRAM AT UTSA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

(B) Action Item

Presenter(s):

Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.

(C) Funding Source: Identify the course of funds if any are required

(D) Clarification: Explain any question or issues that might be raised regarding this item.

FAME

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Senayda Saucedo
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February 23, 2015

Dear Senayda Saucedo,

Since the day that you participated in the on-campus FAME interviews, the FAME admissions committee has been working diligently to identify the applicants that it feels are best prepared to succeed in the FAME program. This was not an easy task as the applicant pool consisted of extremely talented and capable students. Based on our assessment of your academic strengths, college preparation, and personal attributes, we are pleased to offer you admission to the FAME BS/MD dual degree program at UTSA/UTHSCSA. We hope that you will accept this invitation and become a member of the third FAME class that will begin its studies at UTSA in Fall 2015. In order for us to successfully plan and prepare for the next phase of the FAME program we request that you inform us of your decision to accept or decline our invitation by April 15, 2015. This will allow us time to extend an invitation to another qualified student who has been placed on a wait-list in the event that you decide not to join the FAME program. Please e-mail your decision to the FAME Program Coordinator, Tracy Lopez, at tracy.lopez@utsa.edu by the April 15 deadline. We are excited about the FAME program and about the prospect of having you as a participant. We wish you continued success in your academic pursuits and look forward to hearing from you soon.

If you have any remaining questions about the FAME Program, please feel free to contact Tracy Lopez via phone at 210-458-6040, or via email at tracy.lopez@utsa.edu.

Sincerely,



Dr. Dana McDowelle, UTHSCSA FAME Director



Dr. Hans Heidner, UTSA FAME Director



Senayda Saucedo Accepted into FAME Program at UTSA School of Medicine

A.D. Ibarra
-UTSA

Eagle Pass High School senior Senayda Saucedo has been informed of her acceptance into the Facilitated Acceptance to Medical Education (FAME) program, a program designed to lead to the award of both Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees.

Senayda competed against hundreds of students statewide for only twenty slots available in the FAME Program.

In order to meet degree requirements set for all college graduates in the State of Texas, core courses have been interwoven into a fully functional, collaborative seven year curriculum with the end result of graduating physicians.

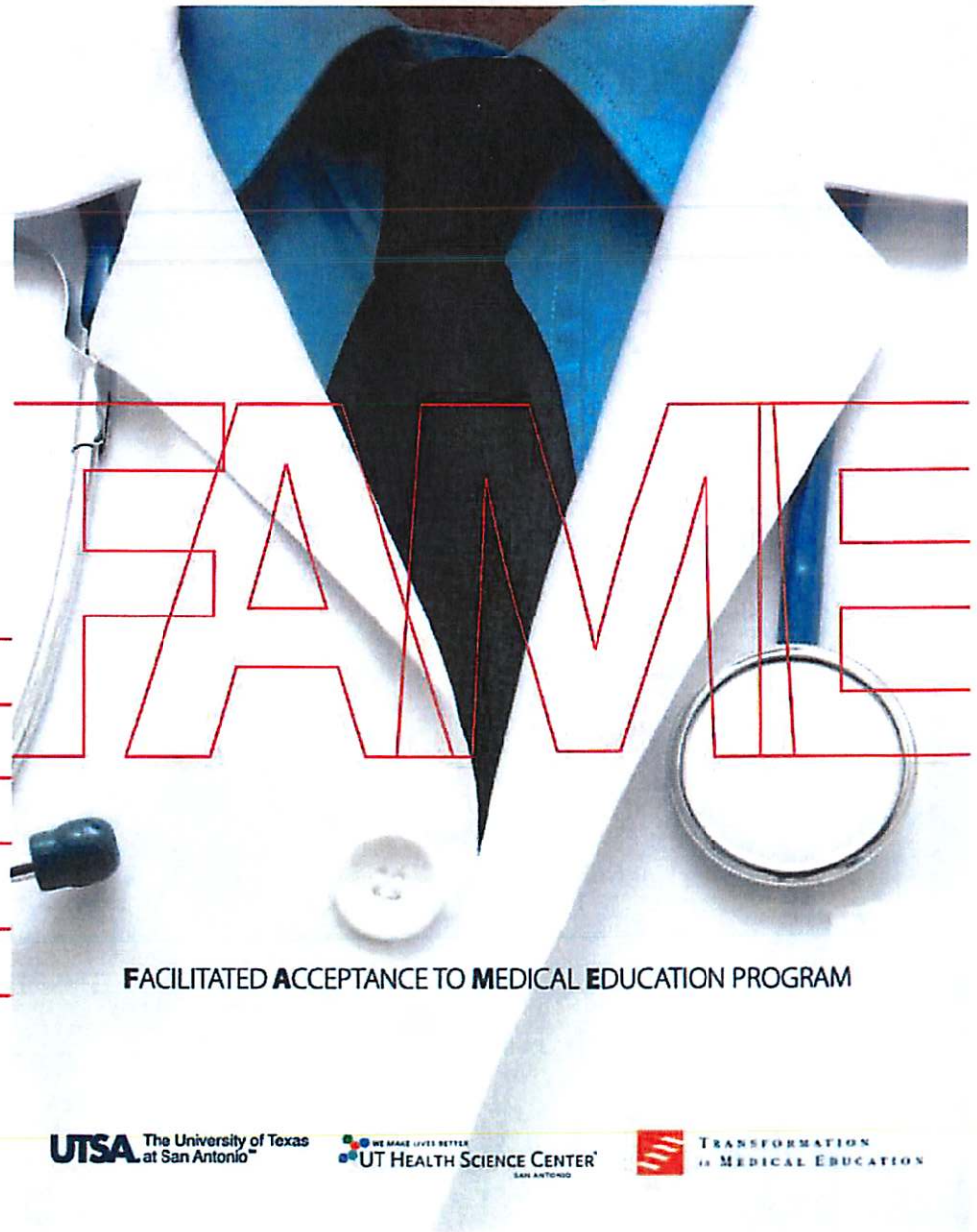
The program recruits and admits highly qualified students who will benefit from an accelerated degree program, an innovative curriculum, early immersion into medical education and professional identity formation and most importantly for Saucedo and her parents Sylvia and Pat, a decreased overall student debt.

Senayda is a member of the National Honor Society, is president of the Health Occupation Society of America and serves as a facilitator/volunteer with UTHSCA Teen Medical Academy and attended three medical camps this past summer among other academic and athletic endeavors.

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THE FAME PROGRAM

Facilitated Acceptance to Medical Education (FAME) Program

As part of the University of Texas System Transformation in Medical Education (TIME) Initiative, the University of Texas at San Antonio and UT Health Science Center San Antonio School of Medicine, have partnered to create the FAME program. The FAME program is an educationally innovative dual degree (BS/MD) program designed to train and graduate primary care physicians.

To meet degree requirements set for all college graduates in Texas, core courses have been interwoven into a collaborative seven-year curriculum. This shared project uses traditional course structure, team taught courses, and innovative seminar courses structured on disease-related experiences.

The FAME program recruits and admits highly qualified students. These students benefit from an accelerated degree program, an innovative curriculum, early immersion into medical education and professional identity formation, and a decreased overall student debt. The FAME program will play a positive role in helping address the healthcare needs of Texas.

FAME BENEFITS

- Two degrees (Bachelor of Science in Biology and Doctor of Medicine)
- Acceptance to UT Health Science Center San Antonio School of Medicine
- Seven-year curriculum: three years at UTSA + four years at UT Health Science Center San Antonio
- Honors College membership at UTSA
- Reduced costs associated with obtaining a medical degree
- Early exposure to medical training
- Reserved housing at UTSA's newest residence hall, San Saba Hall
- Competency-based education
- Personal and professional identity formation
- Mentoring

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply to UTSA online at applytexas.org
- Complete the UTSA application process (utsa.edu/admissions)
 - Apply to FAME program
 - Complete FAME application
 - Complete personal essay
 - Provide letters of recommendation from one high school teacher and one nonrelative
 - Provide photo of applicant
- Applications are accepted Aug. 15 – Dec. 1
- Invited interviews will be held in Jan. and Feb.
- FAME acceptance letters mailed first week of March
- All items needed to complete the FAME Application process must be received on or before Dec. 1

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

- Must be an incoming UTSA freshman for the Fall 2014-2015 Academic year (Out of state, international and transfer students are not eligible to apply)
- 3.6 science and overall GPA on a 4.0 scale OR a 91 science and overall GPA on a 100 grade point scale
- No less than 1300 on the SAT: critical reading and mathematics only with a minimum of 59 on both the critical reading and mathematics section OR No less than 29 on the ACT composite score with a minimum of 24 on both the English and mathematics section
- Complete UTSA application via Apply Texas (applicants must indicate biology as their intended major)
- Completed FAME application including a personal essay
- Two letters of recommendation are required – one from a high school teacher and one from a nonrelative
- Application timeline is Aug. 15 – Dec. 1 (applications preferred by Nov. 1)
- Must be admitted to UTSA by Dec. 1

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR UTSA FRESHMEN

- Must be a current UTSA Freshman during the Fall 2013-2014 Academic year
- Must meet the same ACT/SAT and High School GPA requirements as stated above
- Must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on all completed UTSA coursework
- Completed FAME application (personal essay, photo, and two letters of recommendation)
- All items needed to complete the FAME Application process must be received on or before Dec. 1

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Must maintain a 3.5 college GPA every semester
- Students must complete a minimum of 12 hours per semester at UTSA
- A minimum of 72 hours must be completed at UTSA within 3 years
- Students must meet with their FAME program coordinator every semester for advising
- Students must take the MCAT by the end of January of their junior year at UTSA
- Students scoring less than a 10 on Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems section of the MCAT will be required to complete a biological sciences enrichment course
- Students who fulfill the program requirements will be guaranteed admission to the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Medicine
- Student must demonstrate satisfactory performance on all UT System TIME Initiative competencies in the areas of:
 - Communication Skills and Collaboration
 - Professionalism
 - Medical Knowledge and Scholarship
 - Patient Care
 - Practice-based Learning and Improvement
 - Systems-based Practice and Management

FINANCIAL AID

www.utsa.edu/aid

Over 70 percent of UTSA students receive some form of financial aid. To be eligible, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available online at www.fafsa.edu.gov. Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible after Jan. 1 to ensure the best possible aid package. UTSA FAFSA code – 010115.

SCHOLARSHIPS

www.utsa.edu/scholarships

The General Scholarship Application, available at www.applytexas.org, allows you to apply for more than 50 scholarships with one application. Additionally, you can apply for scholarships offered directly from your college or department.

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