

Dear Science Symposium Colleagues:

The Michael E. DeBakey High School for Health Professions (DHSHP, DeBakey), a Houston Independent School District (HISD), will host its Annual Scientific Symposium on Friday, February 14, 2020. DeBakey is a Title 1 public high school which began operations in a Baylor College of Medicine classroom in 1972. From those humble beginnings, DHSHP has grown into a school recognized nationally for academic excellence, and it is now ranked among the top public high schools in the US. DeBakey was rated #1 in Houston, #3 in Texas, #17 in the US for public High School according to US News and #23 in Newsweek’s Best STEM schools.

As in previous years, we are recruiting presenters to describe their work, career pathways and professional experiences at the 2020 Symposium. We seek presentations in all areas of STEM (Science Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields, and everyone is invited to participate.

The purpose of the Scientific Symposium is to share research, education activities, with the highly motivated, academically able students at DHSHP, who are interested in careers in the health professions, medicine and many other sciences. Our students enjoy learning and appreciate gaining an understanding of career pathways.

The Scientific Symposium will be comprised of two sessions, with approximately 25 different students attending each session. Session #1 will run from 8:35 AM to 10:00 AM; Session #2 will run from 10:10 AM to 11:45 AM. We invite everyone to present at both sessions. If possible, please plan on arriving at least 15 minutes before your presentation. If special accommodations or audiovisual equipment are needed, please e-mail me and we will make every effort to accommodate your needs. A hospitality room will be available for all presenters.

The administration and students at DHSHP look forward to working with you on our 2020 Scientific Symposium. If I can be of assistance or if you have questions, please call (713)741-2410. **If you are able to be a presenter,** **please complete the attached presenter confirmation form and e-mail** [bshargey@houstonisd.org](mailto:bshargey@houstonisd.org) **/** [bshargey@bcm.com](mailto:bshargey@bcm.com) **or fax the completed form to (713)746-5211.**

Thank you for considering this request. These presentations really do mean a lot to our students.

Warmest regards,

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DHSHP Dean of Instruction

**Michael E. DeBakey High School for Health Professions**

**2020 Scientific Symposium**

**Friday, February 14, 2020**

**PRESENTER CONFIRMATION FORM**

**Yes, I**

**PRINT Name**

**Telephone number e-mail address**

**agree to present to the students at DHSHP.**

***(You are welcome to present at both sessions.)***

**I commit to: Session #1 - 8:35 AM to 10:00 AM**

**I commit to: Session #2 - 10:10 AM to 11:45 AM**

**My presentation is entitled:**

**I will need the following audiovisual equipment:**

**Special accommodations:**

**🞏 No, I regret that I will not be able to present to the students at DHSHP. Keep me in mind for next year.**

**Please email completed form to** [bshargey@houstonisd.org](mailto:bshargey@houstonisd.org) **/** [bshargey@bcm.com](mailto:bshargey@bcm.com) **or fax to (713)746-5211.**

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**Thank you for your interest in the Annual DeBakey High School Scientific Symposium.**

**Who**: High School students interested in careers in science, technology, engineering, math or medicine.

**What**: Exploration of careers in science, technology, healthcare or related careers

**Where**: DeBakey High School campus, 2545 Pressler Houston, TX 77030.

**When**: Friday, February 14, 2020

**Time**: 8:35 AM to 11:35 AM

During the symposium there are 2 sessions:

Session #1 – 8:35 AM to 10:00 AM

Session #2 – 10:10 AM to 11:45 AM (You may present at one or both as your schedule permits)

During each session you will have a maximum of 25 students. You will have each group for one hour and 25 minutes. Plan to use 5 minutes for students to enter and exit the room. Take 10-15 minutes to share you educational pathway to becoming a physician, scientist or healthcare provider. Include 10-15 minutes of do’s and don’ts needed to succeed in college, entering medical school or a professional program and completing your MD/PhD or certification program. Use 20-25 minutes to discuss your current job responsibilities, show a video or PowerPoint or demonstrate a technique (as appropriate) and 15-20 minutes for Questions and Answers.

Repeat the process again for session # 2 with 25 different students.

NOTE: These are suggested times, and formatting intended to serve as a guide. I hope this is helpful. Let me know if there are other questions. Contact the Dean’s Office at [bshargey@houstonisd.org](mailto:bshargey@houstonisd.org) [/bshargey@bcm.com](mailto:/bshargey@bcm.com) or (713) 741-2410.

If you are able to present please return the RSVP form.

**We welcome your participation in the education of DeBakey High School students!**