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Dear Student:

The American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) is writing to offer you the opportunity to apply to its inaugural mentorship program, designed explicitly for Underrepresented in Medicine (URiM), early second-year medical students, the Dr. Leon L. Haley Jr. Bridge to the Future of Emergency Medicine Academy. This program will provide participants with direct access to URiM thought leaders in Emergency Medicine and facilitate mentorship of URiM students to help advance the diversity of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Haley was a valued member of the ABEM Board of Directors who died as the result of a tragic accident in July 2021 <https://www.abem.org/public/news-events/abem-news/2021/10/14/remembering-leon-l.-haley-jr.-m.d.-m.h.s.a>. His dedication to promoting Emergency Medicine as a career pathway to URiM students will continue through the efforts of this program named in his honor.

Program details:

- Up to ten URiM, early second-year medical students will be selected for the mentorship program (i.e., students who have successfully completed their first year of medical school and have time away before starting their second year of medical school).
- Two-week, in-person, all-expenses-paid opportunity at the ABEM headquarters June 6-17, 2022, in East Lansing, Michigan.
- Connect directly with ABEM Board members and URiM thought leaders.
- Educational sessions on public health initiatives to reduce health disparities, applying to residency, and career counseling.
- Students will complete a short capstone project on health disparities or health inequities.
- Opportunity to travel to two nearby Emergency Medicine residency programs and join local faculty and residents for hands-on simulation and didactic experiences.

To apply, please complete the attached application and provide a letter of support from your Dean's office. **Applications should be submitted to URiMHaleyAcademy@abem.org no later than April 4, 2022.** The final selection will require a brief, virtual interview with ABEM leadership.

Sincerely,

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