

SHIREL LEVY – GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

We are so proud to announce that Shirel Levy has earned a Silver Knight Award Honorable Mention in the General Scholarship Category.

Shirel started the very first medical club at Miami Beach Senior High called Medical Professionals of Tomorrow. The purpose of this club is to foster students' passion for medicine and helping others. Members of the club learn about what doctors do, the kinds of places they work, jobs they have and tools and resources they use to help people stay well or get better when they're sick.

The medical club is a place for students to learn more about the medical field, what they can do to help get on a path to apply to medical school and learn about medicine in our community. In addition, this club promotes service projects that not only impact the school, but the local and global community as well.

For example, medical club members volunteered at community health fairs, hosted a Breast Cancer Awareness Presentation, and are currently fundraising for the Medpac project, among other projects.

Another focus of the medical club is to encourage girls to pursue STEM and health related careers. Shirel had noticed the disparity between the number of female and male doctors while she shadowed a cardiologist at Mount Sinai Medical Center, Miami Beach.

As Shirel was recruiting members for her club, she made sure to reach out to as many girls as she could since many girls feel discouraged from pursuing higher level health professional and STEM careers. She also saw this first-hand when shadowing. The club membership is currently 90 percent female. The medical club is also working with female members of the Engineering club to organize a "Women in STEM" fair at the school aimed at highlighting female contribution to STEM and health-related professions

Shirel will attend Emory University in Atlanta in the fall. We are proud of her service to the community.

