

## *Mentorship Cohort*

# **Classroom to Clerkship: Professional Identity Training for Students Underrepresented in Medicine**



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The Classroom to Clerkship Project was developed with the specific aim of creating and implementing nurturing mentoring environment for Underrepresented students in Medicine (URiMs) here at MCW. Currently, as it stands, there is no official mentoring program established for URiM students. The feedback and support our program received has been overwhelming.

Through a series of meetings and events, the scope of our program has undergone some changes. We have decided to design the event around the start of the school year after listening to some of the responses from our virtual meetings. The program, while still focusing on mentorship, will also aim to build a community and network for incoming and existing students at the start of the school year in hopes of providing URiMs with the needed confidence and moral support just before beginning orientation. Based on several discussions,

it is believed that an event like this will serve to uplift and build self-assurance for students by intentionally creating a space for them to interact and build connections early on in the academic year.

Based on several responses from our virtual small group meetings, it was clear that, as a part of the program, students desire to see and hear from URiM faculty as well as residents. The excitement surrounding the implementation of a program like this has been met with very positive responses. One student exclaimed “having a program like this in place will be phenomenal!”

As the totality of the program continues to take shape, we are incredibly excited to see this idea manifest in to, what one can only hope, will become a staple pre-orientation event that will continue to welcome and support URiM students at the onset of their career here at MCW.

Project launch link:

<https://mcw.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=5bf93a91-da19-449d-99e1-ac5a00e0423d>