Dear prospective applicant:

The MSPEP is a preparation program sponsored by the UC Davis School of Medicine’s Office of Student and Resident Diversity. This program is designed to assist educationally and/or socio-economically disadvantaged students to prepare both to apply to medical school and to successfully complete the MCAT exam. The MSPEP consists of two parts. Part I will be during winter and spring quarter when a 2 unit course will be offered. The seminar will be a weekly course, Wednesday 3:30-5:00pm and a weekly Kaplan course day and time TBA. Part II is an intensive MCAT prep through the Kaplan Center in Davis, CA. The MCAT course will be held during June-September 2016. Both Part I and Part II of this program are mandatory. All participants must take the September 2016 exam. Part I will be taught by Dr. Darin Latimore with guest speakers and Part II will be taught by a Kaplan instructor. Part I Seminar classes will be held at the UCD Davis School of Medicine Education Building in Sacramento, CA. Part II will be held in Sacramento and Davis, CA.

Participants must meet the following criteria:

- Currently registered Juniors or Seniors at University of California, Davis or California State University Sacramento during the winter/ spring quarter or spring semester;
- Be in good academic standing;
- Have completed all medical school prerequisites by summer 2016;
- Qualify as an educationally and/or socio-economically disadvantaged student;
- Show evidence of commitment to a medically underserved community;
- Qualify for financial aid. College financial aid award letter will be required to verify, (A printed SIS web document is sufficient and must accompany your application);
- A minimum BCPM GPA 3.00;
- Provide a letter of recommendation; (supervisor, professor or mentor);
- Provide a copy of your most recent transcripts including Fall Quarter/Semester 2015 grades, may be unofficial;
- Provide a copy of your current resume;
- Be able to attend all MCAT prep classes in the summer and be able to devote an additional 12 hours a week for preparation and study.

We discouraged participants from taking summer school classes or working during MCAT prep course.

A stipend will be allocated to students for living expenses.

All students who wish to apply must complete an online application, including answering the questions below:

1. Why should you be selected to participate in the Medical School Preparatory Enhancement Program?
2. Describe a difficult situation you have had to overcome in your life or during your college academic experience. How do you feel this has prepared you for a career in medicine?
3. Please describe activities that you have done that demonstrated your commitment to providing services to individuals from economically and medically disadvantaged communities.
4. You have identified yourself either as a socio-economically or educational disadvantaged applicant, please provide a brief statement of explanation. Describe the positive and negative impact being disadvantaged has had on your accomplishments to date and your anticipated future in medicine.

Application can be accessed thru www.surveymonkey.com/r/YM25GJZ. Supporting material can be submitted via email to mavillegas@ucdavis.edu. Deadline for completed application is November 16th, 2015. Application will be reviewed and if selected, interviews will be held tentatively on November 18th and December 5th, 2015. Any questions please email me at mavillegas@ucdavis.edu.