

Rudman Program Opens Doctor's Life To Teens

Witnessing open-heart surgery, observing as real doctors examine patients and discussing treatment options for a variety of diagnoses, is all part of what area high-schoolers can look forward to this year, thanks to the Kal & Lucille Rudman Foundation.

While other charitable foundations are cutting back drastically, The Rudman Foundation is seriously increasing its giving to local students.

Last year, they gave scholarships to two academically-gifted students at Masterman HS, allowing them to attend

Drexel's Mini-Med School, a program that prepares kids for careers in medicine.

This past Tuesday, they granted a record five scholarships at Masterman. Two of them were in honor of Jenne Ayers – a Masterman grad and daughter of Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers. Jenne is now a pre-med student at Harvard.

Thanks to their support, the Mini-Med School program is growing quickly. Drexel University College of Medicine is now adding a program called Mini-Med Discovery Days, which will allow more students to share a fantastic experience.

Kal & Lucille Rudman have been key sponsors in a similar program at St. Christopher's Hospital to which they have contributed \$350,000 in scholarships through the years.

The Health Tech program works with Olney HS students, opening the gamut of medicine and hospital services to them.

Discovery Days is a highly competitive, yearlong learning experience for high-school students entering their junior or senior years and interested in medicine.

Students will start Jun. 24, with intense daylong sessions throughout the summer months. Once their regularly scheduled classes at Masterman resume in September, they will attend the program during weekly afternoon hours. They will finish on May 31, 2010.



FROM LEFT, donors Kal & Lillian Rudman, Annette & Commissioner Lloyd Ayers, Peggy Lee of Drexel Mini-Med, and Masterman students Muhga Eltigani, Suneeta Kartha, Samir Ambani and Niti Jethava.

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