

# NEWSLETTER

## The Texas Undergraduate Medical Academy



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### Announcements

Hey y'all, it is officially December, and we are less than one week away from the end of the Fall semester. I know we did well on our midterms and are getting prepared for our finals. Stay strong for the rest of the semester; it is quickly coming to a close. Have a great and safe holiday season with your friends and family!

“Learn how to be happy with what you have while you pursue all that you want.”

- Jim Rohn

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## 2021 White Coat Ceremony



*Complete UMA class of 2021 - 2022*



*Jasper Class for the 2021-2022 school year*

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, the UMA held its annual White Coat ceremony for the class of 2021-2022. Each year at the White Coat, Dr. Daniels gives the class a unique title. Last year, the class of 2020-2021 was named the Endurance class because of their ongoing strength during the many struggles of the pandemic. This year Dr. Daniels bestowed the name Sycamore on the class of 2021-2022 after the sycamore tree which in scripture is a symbol of strength, endurance, and clarity.

## CERT Training program



*UMA students pose in front of a firetruck at the Prairie View Volunteer Fire Department*

The FEMA Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program was started to train pre-first responders to handle emergencies in their neighborhoods. The Prairie View A&M University Undergraduate Medical Academy CERT team is currently training more CERT members to respond to emergencies in their communities. The PVAMU UMA CERT team recently trained in fire suppression with the Prairie View Fire Department.

A second CERT training class will be offered in the spring for UMA students in good standing.



## Homecoming 2021



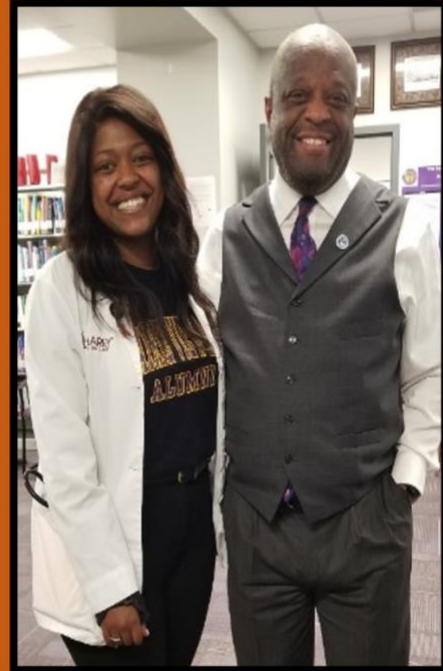
Top left: Ms. Fuller riding her horse in PVAMU's Homecoming parade

Top Right: Jessica Henderson and Edom Kidane carrying the UMA sign with the UMA float in the background.

Bottom: UMA King Jacob Williams and Queen Kaylin Johnson ride in a convertible driven by Mr. Swisher



## Crochet Club News



The UMA Crochet Club and Suturing Lab have come back into action for the 2021-2022 school year! The e-board includes Alexis Jackson (president), Grace Brooks (vice president), Edom Kidane (secretary), and Samuel Pena (treasurer). For their first meeting, on October 8, 2021, they were joined by former UMA student body president, Jessica Hawkins. Ms. Hawkins is a medical school student at Meharry Medical School, pursuing general surgery. She shared her undergraduate school journey at Prairie View A&M University as a biology major, UMA member, and crochet club member. She also shared her experiences as a medical student at Meharry and encouraged the current crochet members to follow through with their plans for professional school after graduation.

On November 30<sup>th</sup> the Crochet Club members donated over 40 of their homemade hats to the Waller Pregnancy Center.



## Alumni Spotlight Q&A

Dr. Jason Monroe graduated in 2007 with a B.S. in Chemistry from Prairie View A&M University. He graduated from Texas Southern University in 2014 and began working as a CVS Pharmacist right out of pharmacy school, and quickly worked his way up the ranks. In 2015, he was promoted to District Sales Manager and currently holds this position. He also teaches Biostatistics, the pharmacology of Shingles and Cirrhosis, and ethics at Texas Southern University.



Q: How would you say that the UMA impacted your route to becoming a pharmacologist?

A: The UMA gave me the foundation to be able to focus, as well as providing me with internships in different areas of medicine, including pharmacy and dentistry. As a matter of fact, in this program I first wanted to be a dentist and was able to participate in dental school rotations through an internship in Dallas. The UMA sets up those platforms for its student to excel in programs they don't usually have access to.

Q: Do you have any advice for pre-medicine, pre-dental, and pre-pharmacy students?

A: Take this program seriously and build professional relationships now. If you have an opportunity to meet with a dean of an organization or college, do it. When application time comes, you have mentors. Be an advocate for organizations like the UMA; let this organization truly help you and don't take it for granted.

Q: When you were trying to get accepted into professional school, what steps did you specifically take?

A. Earning prerequisite credits is important; obtaining key leadership roles, such as president of the UMA student president, is also critical. The MCAT, DAT, PCAT, and GRE may hold some of us back, so get into a rigorous program that helps you prepare for those entrance exams. If you accomplish these three goals, nobody can stop you. Additionally, a summer internship over the summer at one of the schools you wish to attend is also important so that you can build relationships.



## Internship Opportunities

### Baylor SMART Program

**Application Opened:** October 1, 2021

**Deadline:** January 10, 2022

**Location:** Waco, TX

**Description:**

The Program provides frontier-level, biomedical summer research projects for undergraduates in a supportive environment with supplemental educational activities.

### Cancer Prevention Summer Research Program (CPRTP SRE)

**Application Opens:** November 1, 2021

**Deadline:** January 20, 2022

**Location:** Houston, TX

**Description:**

Awards fellowships to undergraduate, graduate, and health professional students interested in cancer prevention research; funded by the [National Cancer Institute-NCI](#).

### Johns Hopkins Summer Medical Internship

**Application Opens:** November 1, 2021

**Deadline:** February 1, 2022

**Location:** Baltimore, MD

**Description:**

Provides experiences in biomedical and/or public health research to students from a variety of backgrounds- including students from racial/ethnic groups underrepresented in science and medicine, and students from low-income/undeserved backgrounds. The program provides research exposure for those interested in potential careers in science, medicine, and public health.

### Rosenburg Summer Surgical Fellowship

**Application Opens:** December 3, 2021

**Deadline:** February 4, 2022

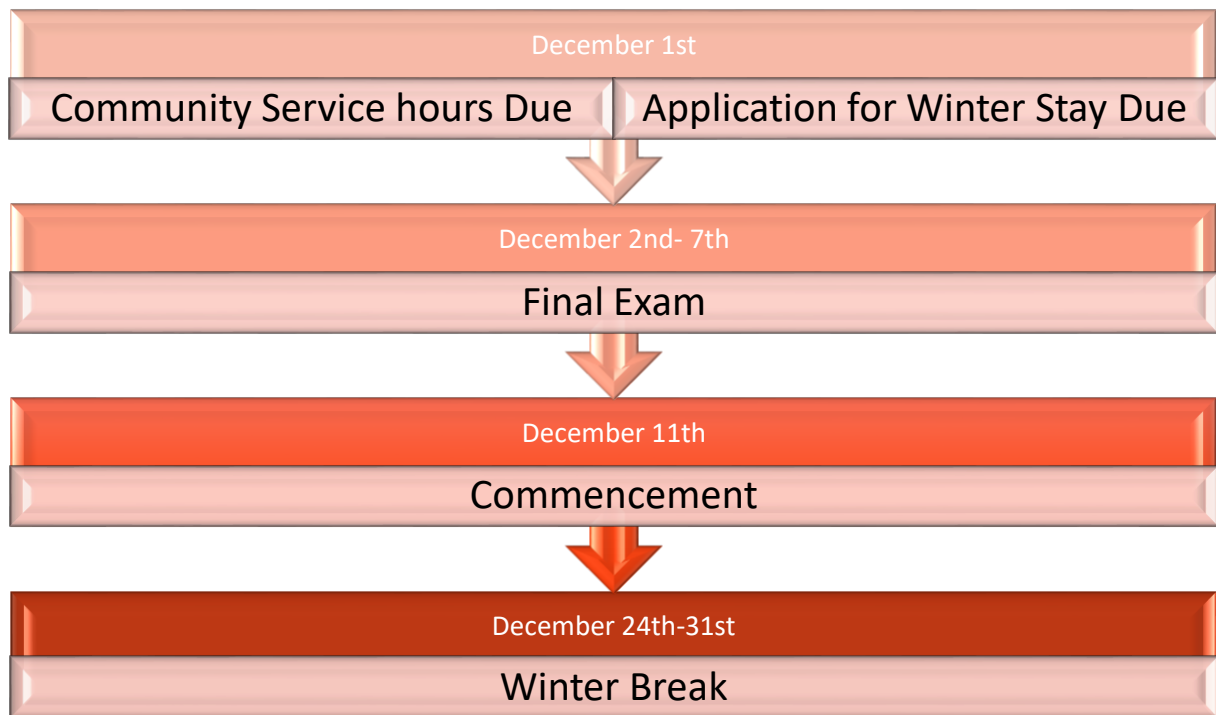
**Location:** Houston, TX

**Description:**

A physician shadowing and Mentorship program for surgery, neurosurgery, urology, plastic surgery, cardiovascular surgery or other surgical departments. Mentorship includes working in the clinic, shadowing, and attending grand rounds.



## Upcoming Events



[Link to In Depth Final Exam Schedule](#)

