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### Why enroll in the S.T.A.R.S. Program?

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- Invaluable Learning Experience
  - Standardized Test Guidance
  - Science and Math Reinforcement
  - College and Career Awareness
  - Tutoring
  - Shadowing Internships
  - Opportunity to Earn a Stipend
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*S.T.A.R.S.*  
*“Reaching for Excellence”*

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**S**tudent **T**rainning for  
**A**cademic  
**R**einforcement in  
the **S**ciences

*An enrichment program  
for rising seniors in high school*

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**S.T.A.R.S.** (Student Training for Academic Reinforcement in the Sciences) program has as its ultimate aim to increase the number of minority students who graduate from college in the sciences. Our goal is to assist them in becoming health care providers who will address minority health disparities through culturally appropriate health care and research. The S.T.A.R.S. program is the second phase of our three-phase HS initiative and focuses on rising seniors through high school graduates. It specifically targets students who love science and who desire a career in the Health Professions. The program offers a learning opportunity to reinforce their Scientific and Mathematical knowledge base, facilitate their successful entry into college, and ultimately a health care field.

### **OUR PROGRAM**

Our entire S.T.A.R.S. program requires six weeks of summer academic reinforcement and enrichment coursework, and a six-week summer internship in a health care provision site. It also requires that students participate in a series of Saturday Academies during their senior academic year. Afternoon tutorial programs are also provided for S.T.A.R.S. during the school year. Students who do not participate in the un-paid activities **cannot participate** in paid activities.

### **OUR CURRICULUM**

#### **Summer Academic Enrichment:**

- Advanced Math and Science
- Computer Skills Training
- English & Communication Skills
- Health and Health Disparities
- Leadership

#### **Academic Year:**

- After School Tutoring
- Community Health Advocacy

#### **Saturday Academies:**

- Seminars
- Health Care Speakers
- Other Enrichment Activities

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Rising seniors from Mattie T. Blount, John L. LeFlore, C. F. Vigor , Ben C. Rain, and Williamson High Schools
- 3.0 Grade Point Average
- 2 Courses in Science
- 2 Courses in Math
- Demonstrated interest in the Sciences
- Must be college bound
- Discipline and ability to commit to the program in its entirety

### **APPLICATION**

- Apply during junior year
- Application deadline March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Two letters of recommendation from a math and science teacher
- One character reference from a school official
- Official high school transcript
- Incomplete or late applications **will not be considered**

### **COST - NONE**

*For more information or for an application packet please call the University of South Alabama - Center for Healthy Communities, Center of Excellence S.T.A.R.S. program at (251) 470-1687 Fax (251) 414-8009*