

Summer Scrubs – Then

Each year, dozens of high school students spend one week of their summer shadowing area healthcare professionals. Since Summer Scrubs began in 2004, more than 1,200 students have participated in the Mobile Area Chamber's Bay Area Healthcare Coalition program, giving them a look into the extensive opportunities available in Mobile's second-largest industry.

The Business View sought out past participants and asked them what are they doing now, and how their education and/or career is progressing, as a way of showing the true impact of the program. Here's what they had to say:

Dominique Crain
Summer Scrubs 2004
Baker High School



2nd Year, Medical Student
Undergraduate Degree: Biology
University of Alabama

"Summer Scrubs was a program that introduced me to the field of medicine. It provided me with a first-hand experience of physicians in their daily practice. I observed many basic procedures and my very first surgical procedure during the program. In addition, we learned how to perform life-saving procedures such as CPR and utilization of an AED. My experiences in Summer Scrubs provided me with insight into what it was that I wished to do for a career; hence it had a major impact on my decision to become a physician."

Josephine Baumgarten
Summer Scrubs 2007
Faith Academy



2nd Year, Physician Assistant Program
Undergraduate Degree: Biomedical Science
University of South Alabama

"My experience with the Summer Scrubs program was the starting point towards my decision to choose a career in healthcare. After participating in Summer Scrubs, I was motivated to begin volunteering in the Treehouse at USA Children's and Women's hospital. I feel these opportunities not only helped me with future endeavors, but also solidified my passion for the medical field."

Jaclyn Garner
Summer Scrubs 2005
Mobile Christian



Speech Therapist at Mobile Infirmary
Master's Degree: Speech Language Pathology
University of South Alabama
Undergraduate Degree: Communicative Disorders
University of Alabama

"Summer Scrubs opened my eyes to the wide variety of potential healthcare careers available to me. The experience taught me that I truly did want a future career in healthcare."

Cady Beedy
Summer Scrubs 2007
Bayside Academy



2nd Year, Medical Student
University of South Alabama
Undergraduate Degree: Biology
University of Alabama

"Summer Scrubs was my first view of the provider side of healthcare and really sparked my interest in furthering my pursuit of a career in healthcare."

Kari Rodgers
Summer Scrubs 2004
McGill-Toolen High School



Cardiovascular Perfusionist
Northeast Georgia Health System Medical Center
Undergraduate Degree: Cardiopulmonary Science
University of South Alabama
Certificate in Perfusion Technology
Texas Heart Institute

"Summer Scrubs helped me to confirm that I wanted to work in the medical field by introducing me to many positions. I saw how rewarding it can be to have a career that involves helping people. Everyone I worked with during Summer Scrubs was positive and encouraging."

Bo Brunson
Summer Scrubs 2007
Fairhope High School



1st Year, Medical Student
University of South Alabama
Undergraduate Degree: Chemical Engineering
Master's Degree: Chemical Engineering
University of Alabama

"During that summer, participating in the Summer Scrubs program, I saw what it meant to be a doctor, the challenges they face, and what it takes to really care for patients. I knew then, this was something I wanted to do with my life."

Blake Tennant
Summer Scrubs 2006
UMS-Wright



2nd Year, Medical Student
University of South Alabama
Undergraduate Degree: Biology
Birmingham-Southern College

"Summer Scrubs really showed me the excitement that is present in the healthcare field. While in the program I saw a baby being born and I also saw an open heart surgery. Before this program I had shadowed doctors, but I really hadn't witnessed any life-changing or exciting events in healthcare."

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On July 13-16, more than 100 high school seniors from Mobile and Baldwin counties will don scrubs and jump into the fast-paced world of Mobile's healthcare industry, shadowing professionals in hospitals, clinics and other facilities to experience a variety of careers. This year's host locations are: Alabama Orthopaedic Clinic, Diagnostic and Medical Clinic, Mobile County Health Department, Mobile Infirmary, North Baldwin Infirmary, Providence Hospital, South Baldwin Regional Medical Center, Springhill Medical Center, Thomas Hospital, USA Children's & Women's Hospital, USA Medical Center, USA Mitchell Cancer Institute and Victory Health Partners. Pictured are four students participating in this year's program.

