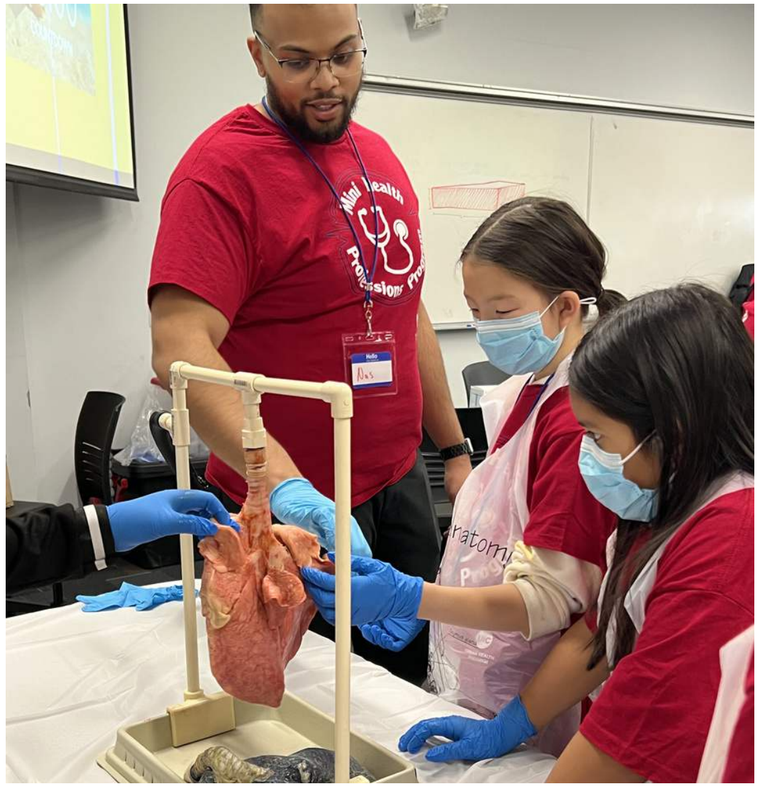
MINI HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAM



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MISSION

Recruit, retain, & prepare student populations from underinvested communities for post-secondaty success in a healthcare career.



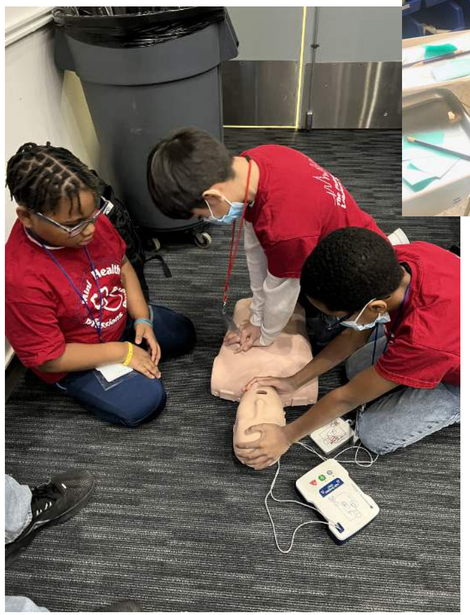
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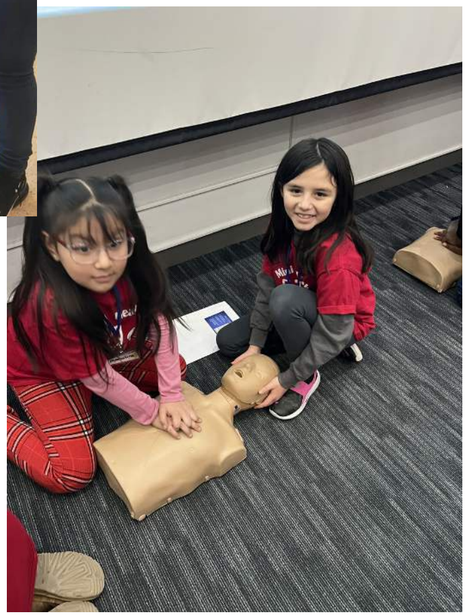
A Chicago where students from every neighborhood have equitable access to healthcare careers & where the healthcare workforce reflects the full diversity of our communities.

EMPOWERING THE FUTURE HEALTHCARE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

The program targets underrepresented 4th & 5th grade youth from Chicago's West and South Sides, with a focus on those exeperiencing economic or educational hardship. Recruitment efforts are concentrated in hardship-designated Zip codes, as identified by the City of Chicago's economic indicators.







The Program runs Jan- May.
The curriculum introduces the 7 systems of the body, their functions and organ interactions.

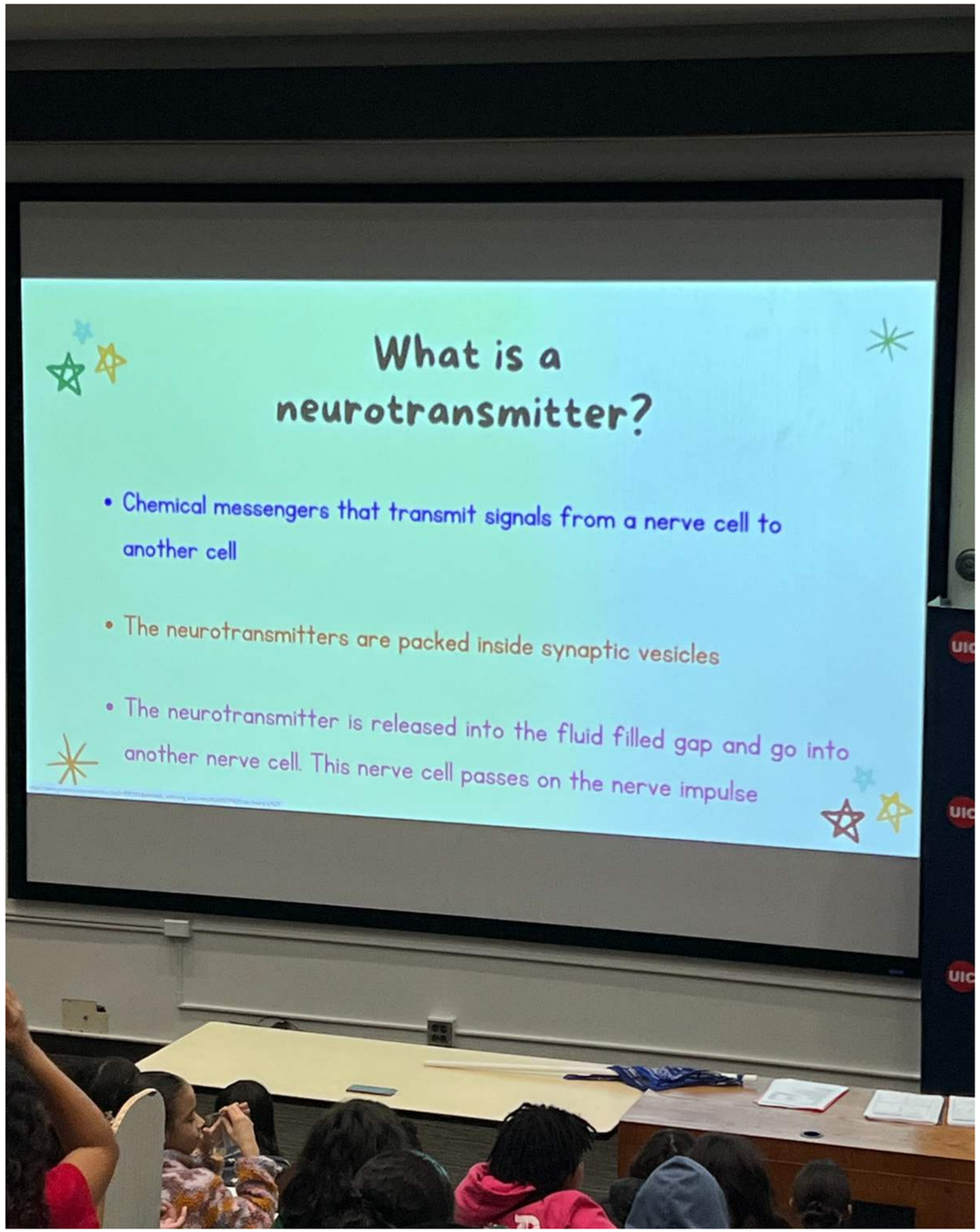
*Parent/Child Orientation

1. Neuro
2. Cardiovascular
3. Pulmonary
4. GI
5. MSK
6. Mental Health
7. Dental Day

01.

LECTURE

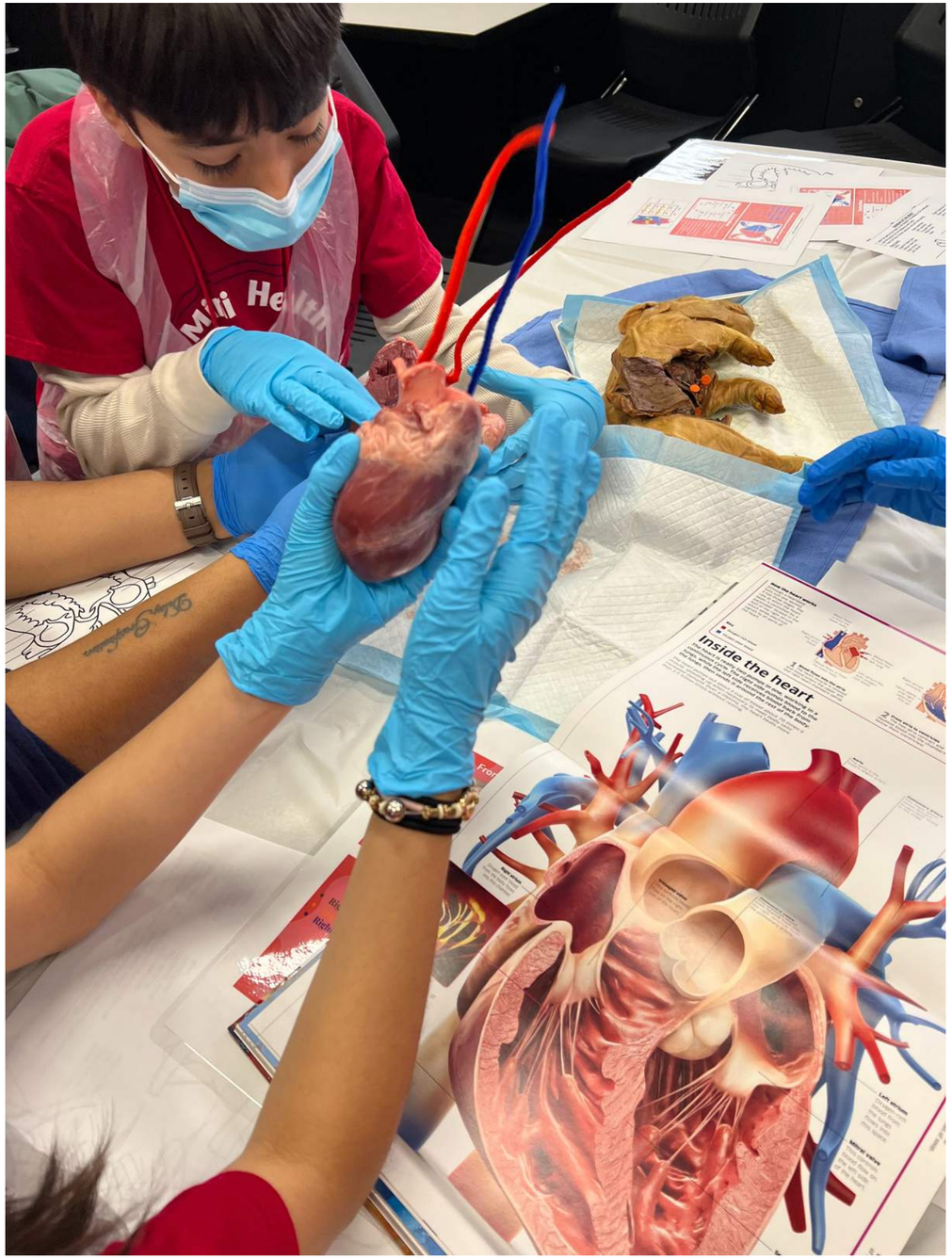
Quick group lecture introducing the principles of the body system of the day. The key learning objectives are emphasized at the beginning of each session. Pre-quiz given.



02.

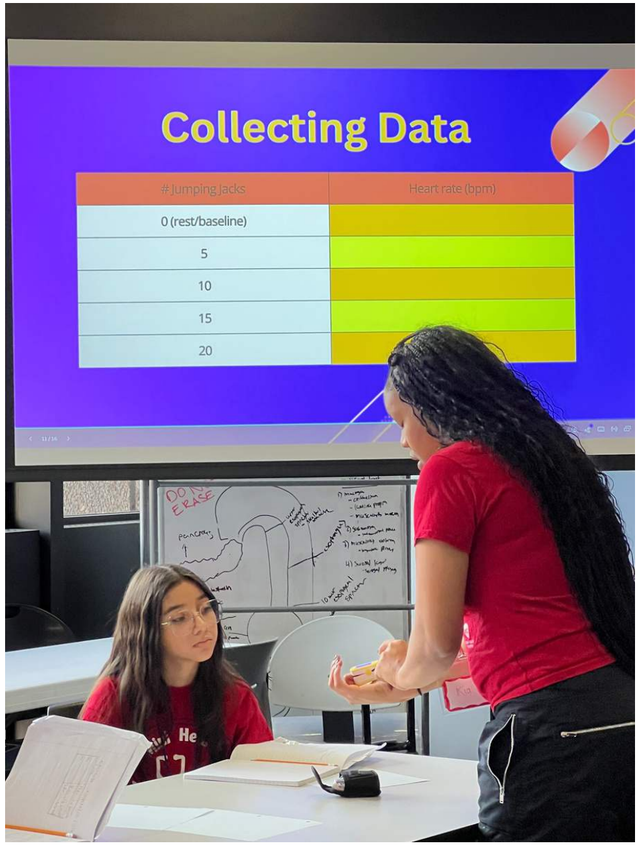
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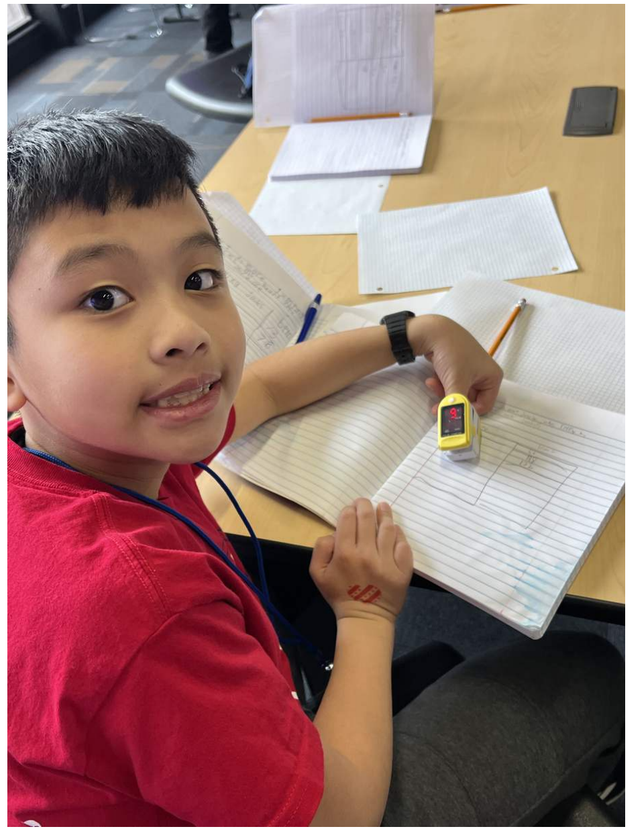
Includes dissection of a fetal pig each week targeting the specific organ system of the day. Also includes individual dissection of bovine organ of the day: brain, heart, lung, femur etc. Projected for Future: Use of advanced technology ie. Augmented Reality station or Virtual Reality to visualize the body in 3D.



03.

Conducting Scientific Experiment





Students learn about data collection and the concept of variables are introduced. Students get exposure to independent and dependent variables and learn how to graph and organize this data.

04.

TPE(Technology, profession involved and exam techniques)

Here students are introduced firsthand to various health care professions. Students are instructed by Guest speakers from various healthcare professions (PT, OT, Pharmacy, U/S Tech etc.) who demonstrate live what they do. Simulation learning is done via ultrasound, CPR, intubation, auscultation etc., on task trainers. The type of professions that would use these skills are outlined and discussed.



05.

PUBLIC HEALTH





A School of Public Health student runs this section. The 5 Social Determinants of Health are introduced and related to the organ system of the day. This is done by hands on activities and guest speakers.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE

Counselors & Volunteers

Recruitment

August | September-October | January 2027

Leadership

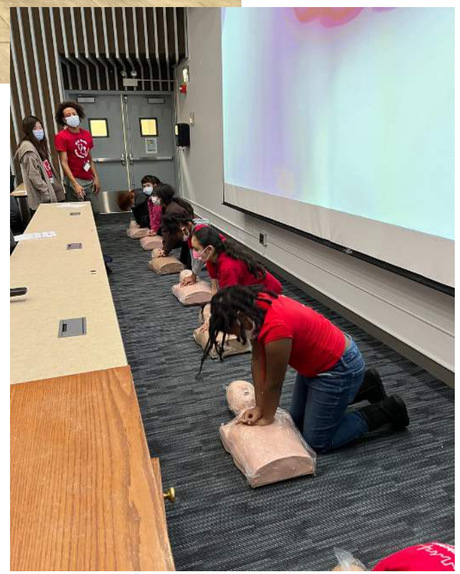
Assessing current Group Leaders for possible Leadership position next Winter

TENTATIVE START DATE









Moving Forward

Please check back in October at **MHPP@uic.edu** for our application!