Dr. Kennear speaks about goal-setting & self-honesty

Dr. Kennear is a pediatric and adult hospitalist at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital and UCMC. He talked to students, not as a superior, but as a friend. He encouraged pre-medical students to evaluate and to consider the question: Why medicine? Talking about his own personal decisions and what his job entails, he gave great insight on life as a husband, father, and working physician. This life can be demanding and tiresome, but Dr. Kennear would not want it any other way. He urged students to do a few things in particular: 1) Write down goals. The goals you set for yourself ultimately determine the type of life you want for not only yourself, but your family. 2) Know yourself. By truly getting to know one’s self, the answer to the question, Why medicine?, becomes more clear and honest. 3) Ask the right questions. This is how an aspiring physician can learn more about medical school and the field. Dr. Kennear shared his path with us, now it’s our turn to find out, not only what we want from medicine, but what we want from life.

Suzette Combs on medical school admissions & the MMI

At the meeting on October 1st, we were lucky enough to have the Associate Director of Admissions at UC’s College of Medicine, Suzette Combs, speak to us regarding applications and interviews for medical school. She began by reviewing general guidelines to follow when application season begins. Ask for letters of recommendation far in advance, start thinking about what you would like to write about in your personal statement, and the earlier you submit the AMCAS application, the better! Beginning in late fall, many medical schools start the interview process with the hundreds of bright medical school applicants. The College of Medicine at UC practices a unique interview process, multiple mini interviews (MMIs), in order to eliminate bias and allow students to exemplify their ability to come to a clear conclusion regarding an often ethical dilemma. Each applicant will enter eight simulation rooms to discuss the prompted scenarios with a “rater” who may be a physician, faculty member, medical student, or member of the community. After the interview process is complete, the hopeful applicant should expect to hear of a decision within two weeks.

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