



# PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

## Future Leaders Summit on Medicine

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People don't just go to Los Angeles, California seeking the glitz and glamour of Hollywood success. No, future stars of entertainment are intermingled with future stars of medicine. These "stars" are young leaders who are enthused to actively explore as many aspects of healthcare as possible. The People to People Future Leaders Summit on Medicine brought together students from across the country, as well as locales such as Canada, Greece, and Indonesia, to spend 10 days bunking at UCLA, taking a glimpse and certain readiness for their future.

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Cross CPR training and certification, volunteered towards efforts to clean up pollution on the Santa Monica Beach, and gained a rare insight into acceptance into medical school from the Dean of Admissions at UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine.

The research-oriented project of the summit was liver transplantation. Each group was given a very different patient and instructed to advocate for his or her receipt of a single available liver. In a simulation, each group presented their case in front of the transplant board, (consisting of students taking on roles such as highly-skilled surgeons, seasoned research scientists, and media representatives), who would decide the liver's destination. Throughout our journey, we became submerged in the complexities surrounding transplantations, and consequently that of the medical field.

Everyone returned home with a greater knowledge, more well-rounded view, and stronger preparation for the career path we have chosen to take, which is quite fantastic for us as future healthcare workers, but more importantly, for the outlook of the community of medicine as a whole.

