



*The Bernard P. McDonough Center
for Leadership and Business
at Marietta College*

The Schwartz Leader-in-Residence Program

The 2017-2018 LIR Project:

“Learning about Healthcare Careers”

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Background:

The Schwartz Leader-In-Residence Program, named in honor of Dr. Stephen W. Schwartz (1940-2006), the founding and longtime dean of the McDonough Center, is designed to infuse leadership across the Marietta College campus. The McDonough Center works collaboratively with a department to bring to campus an outstanding leader in the department’s academic area of interest. During the academic year, the Schwartz LIR works with the department faculty to develop and implement a project that enhances the leadership knowledge and skills of the participants. The project is open to students in the department, based on selection criteria established by the department chair in close consultation with the Schwartz LIR.

The 2017-2018 Schwartz LIR's Bio Information

David Brown graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Kansas City University. He was in the ROTC while he was in school and served as a physician in the US Army in Germany for four years after he graduated. Upon returning to the United States, he served as an emergency room physician, most recently at O'Bleness Memorial Hospital in Athens, Ohio. During his time in Athens, he served in several additional roles (e.g., director of the Emergency Room, professor in Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine). He retired from emergency medicine, but remains active, serving as a physician for the Veterans Administration and running clinics for veterans.

Project Description

Many students come to college with a conviction that they want to work in the field of healthcare, but often they do not realize the range of different occupations that are available to them. In this project, a small group of 3-5 students who are interested in healthcare careers will work with Dr. David Brown to identify experts in different areas of medicine to come on campus and hold presentations/discussions with students interested in healthcare careers. The goal will be to identify speakers that the students are interested in that also cover a broad range of the careers in healthcare (e.g. private practice, general practitioner, PA, nurse practitioner, public health, etc.). Emphasis will also be placed on identifying speakers who will be able to provide students with information on such topics as how to prepare for different graduate programs, and options for paying for graduate schooling.

Project Goals and Plans

Fall Semester 2017:

- Students will work with Dr. Brown during the summer and early in the fall semester to identify a list of characteristics that they would like to have included in the presenters for the school year.
- Based on this list, the faculty of the Biology and Environmental Science Department and Dr. Brown will identify possible speakers who are available in the area.
- Students will contact the potential speakers and set up a schedule for presentations during the academic year. The goal will be to have

approximately 3 speakers each semester spaced so that there is a presentation each month.

- Students will organize, plan, and advertise the speaker events. Their role in planning will be all inclusive: budget, reserving facilities, advertising the events, and identifying potential presenters and participants.

Spring Semester 2018:

- Presentations will continue during the spring semester on a monthly basis.

Project Outcomes:

- Students will identify experts in various areas of healthcare and will make contacts with those professionals.
- Students will develop communications skills in their interaction with these healthcare experts as they organize the on-campus presentations/discussions.
- On-campus presentations/discussions will help inform the students involved in the project, as well as other students on campus about a variety of possible careers in healthcare.
- Students will use skills learned through the project to enhance their leadership, planning, and organizational abilities.