

Chicago State Pharmacy Student Awarded Prestigious Service Fellowship

(CHICAGO) - Chicago State University (CSU) College of Pharmacy student, Maimoona Batul, was recently selected for the Schweitzer Fellowship, a program that enables students to design and implement innovative projects to help vulnerable Chicago communities.

This spring, the pharmacy student will develop and teach health and wellness classes in Hindi for seniors at the Indo American Center (IAC). "I chose to do this project with seniors at IAC as I wanted to help the seniors from my community age healthily and be able to better understand their health needs," said Batul. "I have worked with them previously and realize that the major obstacle to their health education was limited or no understanding of the English language."

Named in honor of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellowship encourages exceptional students to "make their lives their argument" by addressing the serious health challenges faced by members of society whose important needs are not currently being met. In collaboration with existing community organizations, schools or clinics, each of the Schweitzer Fellows provides 200 hours of direct service. 111 applicants had applied for the 31 available Fellowship awards.

"We are thrilled that Maimoona was selected as the 2nd Schweitzer Fellow from the Chicago State University College of Pharmacy," said Dr. Mobley Smith, Dean of CSU's College of Pharmacy.

"This is another strong testament to the caliber of our student pharmacists and the strength of the public health component of our progressive pharmacy curriculum."

The Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program is a partnership between The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship™, headquartered in Boston, and Health & Medicine Policy Research Group, a Chicago nonprofit that focuses on health care access of the working poor and uninsured. "This continued interest in our service-based program heartens us," said Dr. Quentin Young, the founder and chairman of the Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program.

More information on the program can be found on the Health & Medicine website, www.hmprg.org.

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*The University's five colleges—Health Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Pharmacy—offer 36 undergraduate and 25 graduate and professional degree-granting programs. CSU also offers an interdisciplinary Honors College for students in all areas of study and has a Division of Continuing Education and Nontraditional Degree Programs*