Brandeis University

Global Youth Summit on the Future of Medicine

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Shreya Rangarajan of Roland Park Country School SELECTED AS DELEGATE TO THE GLOBAL YOUTH SUMMIT ON THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE

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Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Waltham, Massachusetts – June 15, 2013 – Today, Brandeis University announced the final delegation to the Global Youth Summit on the Future of Medicine and has selected Shreya Rangarajan to represent Roland Park Country School and the state of Maryland at the Summit.

"The next generation of health care providers will practice in an environment hard to imagine just a few years ago. Leading-edge science is rapidly changing the daily practice of health care" said Steven Goldstein, MA, MD, PhD, FAAP, Chairman of the Global Youth Summit; Provost, Brandeis University; and former Chair of Pediatrics and Physician-in-Chief of The Comer Children's Hospital at the University of Chicago. "We are in the midst of the most significant and fundamental change in health care delivery in our lifetime and young people who start now will be the future leaders in the field of medicine."

Aligning with the Brandeis' elite admissions standards, only students with exceptional academic records and test scores as well as documented interest in a medical or health career were invited to apply. Out of the hundreds of outstanding applicants, Shreya is one of only 175 delegates selected for the inaugural program. According to Andrew Flagel, Senior Vice President for Students and Enrollment at Brandeis, "The delegation comes from across the country. With cumulative un-weighted high school grade point averages of 4.1, I am very proud to be welcoming this incredibly talented, diverse, and passionate group of young leaders to Brandeis."

Delegates to the Summit will gain unique, behind-the-scenes insight into the dynamic world of health care through experiential learning, guest lectures and networking opportunities with leaders and innovators in the global medical community in order to build upon their already significant abilities and chart their path to becoming leaders in medicine.

Dr. Goldstein adds, "Soon it will be routine to order the complete map of each patient's genome, and the staggering potential of truly personalized medical treatments for both chronic and acute illnesses will be in our hands, as will be the responsibility for handling this powerful information in an ethical manner. Brandeis is at the forefront of exploring these issues, and part of our distinctive mission is to produce leaders to repair the world."

Delegates will hear from prominent Brandeis faculty members who are members of the National Academy of Sciences and Howard Hughes Medical Investigators. The conference keynote will be delivered by Dr. Jeffrey Flier, Dean of the Harvard Faculty of Medicine, and additional feature presentations

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Dr. Samuel O. Thier Professor of Medicine and Health Care Policy, Harvard Medical School, Former President, Brandeis University, Former President, Massachusetts General Hospital & CEO of Partners Healthcare include Dr. Ronald Dunlap, President of the Massachusetts Medical Society and Dr. Elizabeth Phimister, Deputy Editor of the New England Journal of Medicine. A full list of speakers can be found at http://www.brandeis.edu/youthsummit/speakers.html.

Brandeis University, the youngest institution among the top ranked universities, was designed distinctively to offer exceptional students intensive transformative academic experiences with faculty on the leading edge of their disciplines. A liberal arts college within a full research university, this model is fulfilled in an approach to the sciences that offers even first-year students the chance to be engaged in new discoveries.

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