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SUN, FUN AND SCIENCE: SUMMER PROGRAM LETS KIDS WORK IN REAL-LIFE RESEARCH LABORATORIES

DALLAS — August 5, 1994 — Swimming, suntan lotion and other summer activities were traded for lab coats, goggles and test tubes by 17 high school students who spent their summer conducting real-life experiments with researchers at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The students are participating in UT Southwestern's 1994 Summer Research Program for Minority High School Students. The program, which is partially funded by the National Institutes of Health and is part of a nationwide initiative to interest minorities in science, began at UT Southwestern in 1983.

"Many high school students in the last 11 years have profited from this program, and it has made large differences in career decisions for many of them," said Dr. Joel Goodman, director of UT Southwestern's program and associate professor of pharmacology. "This program has led many of the students into majors in science when they enter undergraduate and graduate programs."

The program recently received a boost with a \$60,000 grant from the Southwestern Bell Foundation. The grant is being used to buy advanced research equipment for use in the laboratories of faculty members involved as mentors in the program.

For Emily Anderson, a senior at Duncanville High School, the program illustrates the global nature of science. "I believe that involvement of

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minorities in science will perpetuate goodwill and cooperation among the races of the world," she said. "By opening the door to research for everyone, science will successfully fulfill universal scientific and medical goals that will benefit all societies."

Among Anderson's peers working at UT Southwestern are: Rene Gonzales, senior, Lakehill Preparatory School (Dallas); Noah Huber, graduate, Richardson High School; Steven Kanner, junior, Greenhill School (Dallas); Toan Le, senior, Bryan Adams High School (Dallas); Richard Lu, senior, Berkner High School (Richardson); Kyemba McMillian, senior, David W. Carter High School (Dallas); Tomas Perez, graduate, DeSoto High School; Latasha Price, senior, Richardson High School; Murugappan "Murry" Ramanathan, senior, Newman E. Smith High School (Carrollton-Farmers Branch); Shayzreen Roshanravan, graduate, Coppell High School; Michelle Shen, senior, Plano East High School; Charla Thomas, senior, Justin F. Kimball High School (Dallas); Yolanda Thomas, senior, Kimball High School; and Rachelle Wallace, graduate, W.T. White High School (Dallas).

Also participating in the program are Liang Wang, graduate, Duncanville High School; and Keith Williamson, senior, Lincoln High School-Humanities-Communications Magnet (Dallas).

The students will be on the UT Southwestern campus until Aug. 5.

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