

D211 POST: DISTRICT STUDENTS INTERN IN MEDICAL FIELD



William Fremd Junior Ambrozia Itellari, Dr. Dave Brottman, and James B. Conant Senior Kimi Nijjar pose together after Itellari and Nijjar completed a 3-week internship at Arlington Pediatrics.

James B. Conant High School Senior Kimi Nijjar and William Fremd Junior Ambrozia Itellari had the opportunity to sample the medical field when they participated in a three-week internship program with Arlington Pediatrics in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Dr. Dave Brottman said the program's goal was to expose the students to the overall operations of a medical office. During the program the students not only shadowed nurses and doctors, but also worked with administrative staff.

"We wanted to treat them not as high school students or college students, but as medical students," said Brottman. "They really rose to the challenge."

At the conclusion of the program, each student was asked to give a short presentation on a pediatric illness of their choice. Both students chose an illness they had personally dealt with.

Brottman said he developed the idea after having 17 students intern at

his office for 1 to 3 days. He felt that the time was too short to give students an adequate view of the medical profession.

For Nijjar, the internship puts her a little closer to a childhood dream.



James B. Conant Senior Kimi Nijjar delivers a presentation to a panel of doctors, nurses and staff at Arlington Pediatrics at the conclusion of her 3-week internship.

“I have known since I was 9-years-old that I want to be a doctor,” she said. “When I found out there was an internship program like this, I applied right away.”

Nijjar said meeting the patients was a highlight of the internship.

Itellari said learning how to prepare vaccinations was her favorite part.

“It’s a lot harder than I thought it would be,” she said.

She said she, like Nijjar, has a great interest in pursuing a medical career.



William Fremd High School Junior Ambrozia Itellari delivers a presentation on Intermittent Exotropia at the end of her 3-week internship at Arlington Pediatrics.

“It’s very valuable to get to learn how to prepare vaccines and take vital signs,” she said. “This is like an introductory course that will help with applying to college and medical school.”

Both students agreed that any student throughout District 211 who may have an interest in the medical field should look for internships such as this as a way to prepare for their future.