STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

There are more than 200 active student organizations (including Greek) at UMKC that promote student leadership, volunteerism, community service and socialization. Some of the popular organizations among pre-health students include:

Pre-Medical Society
This is a university-wide student organization that provides various extracurricular opportunities for students to learn about the health care professions and to network with other like-minded students. Previous meetings have included discussions on Bioethics, HMOs, organ donation, complementary medicine, genetics and gene therapy, cloning, HIV/AIDS and taking patient histories. The society regularly hosts recruiters from medical schools as well as representatives from volunteer opportunities in the community.

Pre-Dental Society
This is a university-wide student organization that provides various extracurricular opportunities for students to learn about dental-related professions and to network with other like-minded students. Previous meetings have focused on the application process for dental schools, preparation for the DAT, and volunteer opportunities in the community. Guest speakers include current dental students, practicing dentists, and dental school admission representatives.

Pre-Dental Hygiene Society
This newly formed student organizations allows pre-dental hygiene students to network together and learn about the profession of dental hygiene. Meeting topics include tours of the UMKC School of Dentistry and how to prepare for entry into dental hygiene programs. Guest speakers include dental hygiene faculty, students, and current practitioners.

Biological Sciences Student Government (BSSG)
The BSSG plans informational and social activities for students. Past activities include guest speakers from the Kansas City Police Department Forensics Unit, Children's Mercy Hospital and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, picnics and group ice-skating. Pre-medical students can participate in the School of Biological Sciences' annual hosting of distinguished biomedical scientists, including Nobel Prize winners and National Academy of Sciences members, addressing frontier issues in biomedicine.

Arts and Sciences Student Council
The council aims to provide an interdisciplinary body in which Arts and Sciences students can provide input on decisions and policies of the College. The council works to enhance student-faculty interaction and communication, allocate its authorized budget and insure that Arts and Sciences students' needs, desires and attitudes are correctly represented to the administration.

Alpha Eta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega
This organization carries out service programs aimed at serving the chapter, campus, communit and nation with emphasis on serving primarily the UMKC campus and the Kansas City area.

Institute for Leadership and Service
This university-wide organization focuses their mission on meeting community needs, improving participant’s lives, strengthening communities, and building partnerships. Through ILS activities, participants hone their leadership skills and community service experiences to complement their dedication to service in the health professions. Since health professional schools value these experiences, pre-health students can benefit from being involved with the ILS program.