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PHARMACY STUDENTS EDUCATE OPS STUDENTS

Omaha, Nebraska (February 23, 2006) --- Under the guidance of Dr. Kenneth Keefner from the Pharmacy Department within the Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, six Doctorate of Pharmacy students shared about pharmacy practice to a diverse group of students in the Omaha Public Schools (OPS). The OPS juniors and seniors are part of a health careers course offered through OPS, seeking to become Certified Nurses' Assistants.

The Pharmacy students talked about a variety of topics including the educational process for becoming a pharmacist, common pharmacy practice settings, medication management, personality traits of pharmacists and drug reviews. Susan Dratz, third year pharmacy student, shared her experience from being a CNA and transitioning to a pharmacist. Pharmacy students Jared Hochstettler, Jeremy Popek, Andy Raduechel, Valerie Williams, Susan Graham, and Susan Dratz all shared why they chose the pharmacy profession and answered the questions of the OPS students.

This outreach opportunity is through the coordination of the Office of Interprofessional Scholarship, Service and Education (OISSE) and Health Sciences Multicultural and Community Affairs (HS-MACA). On March 15, occupational and physical therapy students will perform a similar such educational activity to the OPS students. For more information on OISSE visit <http://oisse.creighton.edu>. For more information on HS-MACA visit <http://www.creighton.edu/hsmaca>.



Photos: (Above, left) Pharmacy student Andy Raduechel shares about how a pharmacist performs drug reviews. Andy is also a pharmacy tech at Creighton University Medical Center (CUMC).

(Above, right) Pharmacy student Valerie Williams shares with the OPS students about the process of going to school to become a pharmacist while pharmacy students Susan Graham, Andy Raduechel, and Jared Hochstettler look on.