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A Community Service Project of the University of
Maryland School of Pharmacy



PROGRAM

Founded in 2000, A Bridge to Academic Excellence (ABAE) was formed as an interdisciplinary and collaborative community service program between the School of Pharmacy and University of Maryland Baltimore professional students.

ABAE was designed to help improve the math, science, and/or English learning outcomes of middle and high school students through tutoring and mentoring. Since 2000, over 500 tutors have tutored over 650 students from over 125 middle and high schools in Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Anne Arundel, Prince Georges, and Montgomery Counties, as well as Southern Pennsylvania.



ABAE offers the following:

- Tutoring on Saturdays from 9:45am – 12pm from late September to early May
- Tutoring in Algebra I and II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, Chemistry, Biology, Writing/English, and SAT Verbal and Math
- Group and one-on-one tutoring sessions
- Orientation and parent programs
- Holiday celebration
- Career Fair
- Annual Spring Awards and Recognition Ceremony
- And more

ABAE is a unique opportunity to enhance middle and high school students' interest in the health professions - pharmacy, dental, medicine, physical therapy, nursing, and law, and social work — and other professions. Also, ABAE is an opportunity to address the health professions shortage and increase the pipeline for applicants to the University of Maryland Baltimore professional schools.

GOALS

ABAE's goals are:

- To provide middle and high school students the opportunity to attend tutoring sessions.
- To hold activities to enhance the interest in and success rate of applicants in pharmacy, the other health professions, law and social work.
- To have pharmacy and other professional school students serve as tutors and mentors to middle and high school students.
- To reward middle and high school students for producing successful learning outcomes at the spring awards ceremony.
- To provide the opportunity for professional and graduate school students and student organizations on the University's campus to work together in teams.