

**From UT Health San Antonio
Office of Recruitment and Science Outreach
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In an attempt to stay connected to students and to offer a positive source of information, motivation and education to young people who are interested in a career in biomedicine, the ORSO office is offering two educational enrichment, online platforms-IN ADDITION to offering teachers the opportunity to incorporate a pre-scheduled Virtual Visit to our campus and to choose from the overview and scholar-skills development workshops. This is an effort to remain relevant in this new world of remote connections as we strive to help students stay focused on future career goals and skills required to achieve them.

Please visit our new website at <https://outreach.uthscsa.edu/> for more information and to sign up.

If there are any other ways we can partner with teachers as we all strive to navigate this new world of virtual education, please do not hesitate to reach out so we can plan and discuss.

Thanks for all you do to assist the students of our communities. Respectfully yours, Dr. Chapa

For Teachers or Groups:

The opportunities for your classes are

- 1. Virtual Campus Visit to UT Health San Antonio.** These sessions will be conducted via zoom. ORSO team will help students picture themselves at UTHSA through a pictorial montage of our campus. (30-45 minutes, offered Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays, at time best for your class)
- 2. Overview of Opportunities in the Health Professions.** This presentation will address the career opportunities in the health professions offered at UTHSA and discuss things students should focus on to become competitive applicants for entry into professional programs. (45-60 minutes, offered Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays, at time best for your class)
- 3. Scholar Skills Development Workshops.** These presentations are interactive sessions discussing character traits important in the pursuit of a health profession and in life in general. Topic choices are Gratitude, Empathy, Patience, Importance of Communication, Respect, Trust, Positive Attitude, Leadership and Accountability. (45-60 minutes, offered Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays, at time best for your class)
- 4. Voelcker Biomedical Research Academy Informational Sessions.** These sessions are for classes where freshmen are attendees, given that Voelcker Academy will be returning to a 3-year format this year, requiring that new applicants be freshmen this year. Specific information about the next cohort of Voelcker applicant will be sent in a forthcoming email in a few weeks. The sessions will discuss what the Academy is about, competitive application and answer questions regarding the application process. These 45-60-minute information sessions will be offered on 9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18 and 12/2. Please sign up for a time slot that suits your school's schedule.

For individual students:

The two enrichment initiatives, presented after school, are

- 1. Leadership Lessons.** These interactive sessions will focus on skills and character traits which are important to develop when seeking a biomedical profession. **These will be offered on Tuesday Afternoons from 5-6pm via Zoom.**

Leadership Lessons	Date	Meeting ID	Passcode
Lesson 1- Resilience and Achieving Balance	Sept. 15	282 477 4380	Leadlesson1!
Lesson 2- Compassion for Self and Others	Oct. 13	282 477 4380	Leadlesson2!
Lesson 3- Importance of Authenticity	Nov. 10	282 477 4380	Leadlesson3!
Lesson 4- Value of Commitment	Dec. 1	282 477 4380	Leadlesson4!

- 2. Scholar Insights.** These are informational sessions where current Voelcker Biomedical Academy Scholars provide a presentation regarding the research in their respective mentor's labs and share insights with their peers about research endeavors while in high school. This is great opportunity for interested students to hear about how to successfully pursue research endeavors, especially if they are considering a career in health career themselves. These are not Academy information or recruiting sessions, but rather conversations about some of the research happening at UTHSA. **These sessions will occur on Thursday afternoons from 5-6pm via Zoom.**

Voelcker Biomedical Scholar Insights on Research Endeavors in High School	Date	Meeting ID	Passcode
Cellular Research and Dental Research	Sept. 24	282 477 4380	Scholarin1!
Protein Research and Autism Research	Oct. 8	282 477 4380	Scholarin2!
Cancer Biology Research and Neuroscience Research	Nov. 19	282 477 4380	Scholarin3!
Insight on college application and success	Dec. 10	282 477 4380	Scholarin4!

- 3. Voelcker Biomedical Research Academy Information Session for Freshmen Students Interested in Applying.** The sessions will discuss what the Voelcker Academy is about, competitive application and answer questions regarding the application process. This 45-60-minute information session is for individual students who want to find out more about the Academy and whose school may not have a nomination process in place currently. This will be a one-time offering on *November 11 from 5-6pm.*

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