



REACH – Panel Outline & Questions

REACH MedSTEM students are young, bright, and excited about STEM/healthcare fields. Many of these students are under-represented and may have faced hardships in their lives, yet thrive here and elsewhere in the city of Chicago despite challenges they may face. As you prepare to speak with them, consider how your story will provide perspective or reassurance on their journey into their professional lives. Remember the advice and reflective experiences you may have gotten or desired to receive when you were in high school and share your insight with them.

Be prepared to show how you have overcome any hardships throughout your educational and professional journey. These students are learning where their interests lie and your experiences may help them solidify their already existing goals or inspire new ones.

Panel Outline (2-4 participants):

Introductions-	5 minutes
Panel questions -	30-40 minutes
Open Q&A -	15 minutes

Panel Questions:

Below are a list of potential questions for the panel. Every question may not be asked during the session, but are listed for guidance and planning

1. Can you share a moment of leadership that significantly impacted your career choice? (all)
2. Share a moment of failure. How did you grow from that moment? (all)
3. Is there an aspect of your field that you hope to see change in? What change would you like to see? (all)
4. What drove you to healthcare? (all)
5. What is one piece of advice for someone considering going into your field? (all)
6. What is the most rewarding part of your profession? (career professional)
7. How has your career field changed in the last 5 years? What are your predictions for the next 5? (career professional)
8. How did you decide on your choice of medical school/college of (insert field)? (current student)
9. Is there an experience or course from your undergrad years that has served you well in med school?
10. What's the most surprising or unexpected thing you've learned about being in med school or graduate college? (current student)

Thank you again for offering to share your experiences with us and the REACH students. We are grateful and excited to hear your story!