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Vanguard senior attends mini med school

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Emily Kintzele, a senior at Vanguard High School, has been selected to attend the Florida State University College of Medicine's Summer Institute.

The institute immerses students in the medical school environment. Students stay in dorms on campus and take part in activities, discussions, classes and training at the College of Medicine and local hospitals, medical practices, assisted-living facilities and more. Each day features a different focus such as geriatrics, primary care or rural medicine.

Including the 2018 participants, the institute has hosted 623 students since its inception in 2008. Sixty rising high school juniors and seniors are taking part in one of this summer's three, week-long sessions.

"Our goal for the Summer Institute is to recruit a diverse group of students who have a genuine interest in serving others and pursuing a medical or health-professional career," Thesla Berne-Anderson, director of college and pre-college outreach at the College of Medicine, said in a press release. "Those that are accepted are guaranteed to embark on an amazing week of learning. They get exposure to rural medicine and primary care, mentorship from medical students, medical faculty interactions and insight, career shadowing, biomedical research and so much more."

The selection process is competitive, with a focus on minority recruitment. The program seeks students with at least a 3.3 GPA, outstanding leadership, volunteerism and a passion for science and medicine.

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