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### **First-Year Paul L. Foster Medical Students Make Medical School More Attainable to Pre-Meds** *Day-long conference features application process, interviews, school tour and more*

Paul L. Foster School of Medicine first-year medical students, in conjunction with the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), hosted a day-long pre-medical conference Saturday, March 6, for about 60 college juniors and seniors interested in becoming doctors. The students represented El Paso Community College, University of Texas at El Paso, and New Mexico State University.

Paul L. Foster School of Medicine faculty and medical students introduced the pre-med students to the application and admission process, personal statement writing and interviewing skills, as well as an interactive learning session. They also toured the first medical school on an international border.

Jillian Junkes, a first-year student who helped organize the event said each year thousands of pre-med students across the country apply to medical school. “The thought that a lifetime of preparation would come down to an MCAT score, an interview and an application is extremely intimidating, yet every year thousands of students are faced with this reality,” explained Junkes.

“In an attempt to make this rite of passage more pleasant, the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine students organized the first annual Pre-Medical Conference. By providing these college students with personal insight, we hope to calm their nerves and share our enthusiasm and excitement about El Paso and its first four-year medical school. We also hope to show them that ‘from here, it’s possible’ said Junkes.