

2017-SARAS Parents Feedback

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

A few months ago, I was sitting with my sister, discussing my son's upcoming summer, she informed me of a program for high school students from the Anesthesiology Department in Stony Brook where she recently completed her medical school training and residency in Anesthesia. We researched it and to my delight I found concrete and productive summer plans for my son, Gabriel. Gabe entered this program with a little hesitation and trepidation. He didn't know what to expect. He showed some interest in a possibility of a future career in medicine because both my sister and I are in the medical field, however he was uncertain. With each email you sent I got more excited for his future, yet Gabe was still unsure if he would like it. This uncertainty however changed the very first week of SARAS. He would come home every day with more and more enthusiasm. He was intrigued with all the fields of medicine he was exposed to everyday. He was like sponge, absorbing all this amazing information being presented to him. Every speaker, doctor, medical professional made an impact on his impression of becoming a physician. As a parent, it was incredible to see my son show such interest in his future. This program was a blessing that I believe will initiate a very bright future for Gabe. He was truly inspired and is motivated to hopefully follow in his aunt's footsteps in medicine and in Stony Brook. He is extremely excited to explore opportunities in the combined BS/MD programs you discussed with the students. But most of all he is eager to pursue a career in medicine. Your organization, from the transportation, daily updates, lunches, and especially the variety of speakers and research activities is truly exceptional. I am very grateful to you, Dr. Pentyala for organizing such an invaluable program for high school students interested in entering the medical profession. Thank you,

Inna

Hello

Thank you for all that you do! Hannah had a wonderful experience these past 3 weeks. She has come home every day with fantastic stories and discussion about what she liked and some ideas about research projects she would like to pursue. The skills labs with immediate feedback has really boosted her self-confidence. The interaction at this camp have been such a positive experience and really stimulates some intellectual thoughts and discussion about potential career paths. What a wonderful experience!

Sincerely

Alicia

Hello Srimi-

Leah is my third (and last) daughter to have attended the SARAS program. Much like the other girls, she not only enjoyed the program, but had her eyes opened to the various opportunities that are available. Leah particularly enjoyed the hands-on work and was especially proud that she placed an epidural on her first try- she even texted me a photo of her accomplishment. Who knows, maybe we have a future anesthesiologist on our hands. I saw her in some of the photos that you posted and she had a big smile on her face in each. That is a big credit to you and the

staff that provide their time and expertise to SARAS to make each day not only educational, but enjoyable. Leah also gained valuable life experience by living in the dorm and meeting new people. She has made new friends and commented on what a good group of people attended the program. Again, many thanks to you and all the individuals who make SARAS such a great program.

- Andrew

Good Afternoon Dr. Pentyala,

My name is Angela and I am Bianca's mom, I just wanted to say thank you for such an amazing program. Bianca truly enjoyed it and misses it already. The program was a very educational and enlightening one, but mostly she made some really good friends and memories that I am certain will last a lifetime. In such a short period of time Bianca learned so much. This program is a great idea for anybody thinking of a career in the medical field. It has exposed Bianca to different areas in the medical field and has definitely stirred up new thoughts of interest. Bianca was excited to share what she learned with her family and friends every evening when she came home! I would like to thank everyone involved in the planning and preparation, the doctors who took time out of their very busy schedules to share their experiences, yourself and your staff, all the members of the hospital, and all the food caterers.

Sincerely,

Angela

Dear Dr.Pentyala,

Our son, Suchir, participated in the 2017 SARAS program. At the outset, we wanted to thank you for providing our son with this wonderful opportunity to attend SARAS.

This is truly a one-in-a-kind program for exposing kids to the various fields of medicine and aspects of research. Suchir enjoyed all aspects of the program. The SARAS program has opened up his mind to the many possibilities in the medical field. Suchir mentioned that hearing directly from the practicing experts about their individual fields and their personal journey truly enriched the experience further. The practical workshops and labs will help him as he pursues the science research program in high school. Our family loved your sense of humor and the excellent coordination and communication throughout the program. We cannot thank you enough for organizing this program and also wanted to thank all the volunteers, staff and guest speakers who made this an enjoyable and informative experience for the kids. We hope this program continues for many years to come.

Regards,

Ankur and Maya

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

I strongly believe that SARAS was a very beneficial and informative program for my daughter, and she was very delighted to have attended it. She is much better acquainted with all the careers available in the medical field due to having been able to listen to experiences from professionals in this field of study. In addition, the updates you gave several weeks prior to the beginning of the program as well as the daily ones were both very helpful in that we were able

to remain informed about the activities that the students completed. Thank you very much for providing an opportunity for my daughter to attend such an outstanding program!

Sincerely,

Bejoy

Hi Srinivas,

Mourya had a good time in SARAS, it was worth it. He started to analyze various medical specialties he want to consider, thanks to the exposure to different fields during these three weeks. Previously he had his eyes on Pulmonology, but it is not his only choice anymore! The lectures with Lab portions seems to have piqued his interest. I am also thinking him of making him shadow some clinics the rest of the summer. Keep up the good work Srinivas, the kids wouldn't have this exposure otherwise. Thanks for doing this.

AP

Hi Dr. Pentyala,

Thank you so very much for providing my daughter with a peek into so many different areas in the medical field in such a short period of time! I thoroughly enjoyed discussing with her on the way home each day the topics that were covered and her interest level; whether it was robotic surgery, depression, or discussing fractures etc. The enthusiasm was such a pleasure to hear and she felt that the lecturers were presenting their knowledge in a manner in which they could associate with. Thank you for instituting the program as enrichment for our children in many different forms is so important for their future. Enjoy the rest of your summer,

Abby

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

When Paul and Rachel both were registered for a full-time three-week program in the summer, you can imagine as teenagers that there was some trepidation. However, this immediately changed after Day 1. They were engaged immediately and on the rides home, would discuss what was presented each day. The program solidified Paul's future interest in pursuing a career in medicine. Rachel enjoyed learning about various research activities and many options in the healthcare field as she continues to narrow down career options. They enjoyed the OB-GYN talk and the anesthesiologist's presentations, and also seemed excited about the sim lab, and the hand surgeon and, as well. Perhaps most evident, is your direct involvement, enthusiasm, engagement and humor that put the program over the top. Thank you again for all you have done to make the SARAS program memorable and fun!

Sincerely,

Carol

I was very impressed by how organized the SARAS program was. My daughter Lindsay was intrigued from the first day. She enjoyed going to Stony Brook each day. She was very impressed by the speakers. She has decided to pursue medicine in college since attending the SARAS program. Thank you for having such a unique program. It is so difficult for students to know what they want to do when they "grow up". This has helped her immensely in making her decision. Thank you for having such a unique program.

Sincerely,
Catherine

Greetings,

I am delighted that Sofia and the other SARASers were able to take part in this unique learning experience at Stony Brook. The program encompassed a wholistic view of many medical specializations which I found refreshing and vital to the next generation of professionals. Understanding that technical advances should also be embraced with the human component of medicine is sure to build a strong foundation and further explore healing both inside and out. I appreciate your interest in taking steps to reach and cultivate the minds and hearts of these bright young students (and making sure they were well fed!)

Che

The SARAS program has been a wonderful experience for my daughter, Alexa. The speakers and lectures were highly motivating and provided exposure into many fields in the medical field. As a parent, having your child excited about learning is an incredible feeling. This is what I experienced when I picked up my daughter from Stony Brook. We would spend our travel time talking about the day's lectures and speakers. I remember one afternoon when Lexi got in the car to go home, she couldn't stop talking about hand surgery. She even went to dinner at a friends' house and continued the conversation. Another topic that my daughter loved was the lecture on Robotic Surgery. She was fascinated with this. This is why the SARAS program is so incredible. It allows pre college students the opportunity to see what excites them in the medical field before entering college. The communication that we received from the program director was extremely helpful and informative, not to mention, hysterical! It is evident that great care was put into designing and implementing this program. It was well organized. I would highly recommend the SARAS program to anyone thinking about possibly entering the medical field.

- Cindy

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

We are thrilled with the experience, learning and exposure that Ian gained through SARAS. Each day he was quite animated as he reported on the sessions - ophthalmology was a highlight, he got a kick out of the chair yoga videos and enjoyed being a team leader. He has a much better understanding of the complexities of the medical and research fields. We are so impressed with the way you design SARAS – with the broad range of topics, mix of lecture and hands-on, practical sessions like test-prep and college admissions, and inspiration from the football coach to your personal stories and the energizing emails you sent each day. Our older son, Andrew, enjoyed the program when he attended two years ago so we felt confident sending Ian, and recommending it to his friend Valerie who also joined you this year. Thank you, very much and best wishes, for continued success.

Colleen

Dr. Srinivas Pentyala

I would first like to thank you and your assistants for running the SARAS program as I know it must have been very hard to oversee 120+ children for 6 hours each day for 3 weeks. As a parent, I want to always have my kid be doing something productive whether that may be sports or academics. Although the summer may be the time for students to rest, it shouldn't be the time for students to waste sitting at home playing video games. It should be the time for students to explore and try new things outside of their regular school day during the year. The SARAS program has been the perfect summer opportunity to keep kids busy as well as having a fun, learning experience. My child was dorming at Stony Brook University and so he was able to learn independence also. When he comes home for the weekends, I always hear great stories about his learning experience from the experts who spoke during the week. Nothing warms my heart more than hearing my son's excitement for learning new things. With that, I would like to thank you again for running this amazing SARAS program.

Best,
Chi

Dear Srinivas, and other members of Saras' organization,

I have been very pleased and satisfied with your 3 weeks camp. Based on Mai's recount from it some points of importance:

- The base and domestic organization was perfect from the wakeup in the morning till the time to go to sleep. I also appreciated the discipline of the security system (no kids left behind doing???)
- I appreciated the time given to the students to interact in their group and to learn to know each other.
- I also appreciated this camp because it gave Mai an idea about what would be the life in campus and to study at university.

Contents of the courses given during the camp:

- I am less able to give an opinion, however Mai who had strong idea about what she would like to study changed her mind... Meaning you did a good job by presenting different fields of the medicine. You presented excellent 'windows of these fields'. If the lectures were appreciated, interactions were 'loved'.

Here, I can give the opinion of Trang, mother of Mai. Each week, we had a debriefing of the past week. The mother is a D.O. So she had another perception of this camp and from the content of the lectures and subsequent interaction.

- She was satisfied.
- She was pleased with the scope of fields presented.

Overall, that was a good camp, a good experience for Mai, she is very satisfied, and so we are.

Regards,
Daniel

Hello Dr. Srinivas Pentyala,

I would like you to know the wonderful things that SARAS has done for my son. It's been a pleasure for my son to know more about the medical field. I did not know that this was a more medically-focused experience, but I'm glad my son came. I hoped and wished that my son

would like to go to the medical field, but I realized that he needs to be more independent and needs to do what he wants to do. He wants to go to computer sciences, and I appreciate that. I simply want him to be happy and prosperous.

I'm glad this program exists because I believe that students in the past were inspired by this and I think people this year were inspired too. My son's friend went to this program this year and he got inspired to become a physician. I think SARAS is a good program because I think it really teaches kids many things about the medical field. I know nothing much about medicine, but I have friends who do. And they all recommended this program to me. Again, I thank you for doing this for fourteen years and I hope you the best in the future.

Sincerely,

Christine

Hello!

I am writing to tell you my impressions (at least based on what I've heard from my teenage boy) about the Saras 2017 summer program. My child happens to be an athletic kid, who needs to get his energy out. However, he's also intrigued with science and math, so I thought this program, being just three weeks, would be perfect, since he'd have the rest of the summer to engage in physical activity during the day. He really liked when they went down to the Clinical Skills Center and learned how to do a tracheotomy. He also loved some session having to do with robotics and surgery. The hands on activities were best for my child.

I was impressed with the lunches!

Overall I think it was a very positive experience for him. He came back enthusiastic on the last day, talking about the wonderful friends he met and connections he's made. It also opened him up to possibilities in the medical field (which he might not have known about) for his future, which is always positive.

As a parent, I appreciated the emails and communication - that was excellent! Thank you!

Overall I am very happy we signed him up for this program, and I will highly recommend it to others. Thank you for a positive experience!

Sincerely,

Deborah

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

Hope all is well and you're going to recoup from three weeks of stress by doing something awesome. I can't say "Thank you" enough for taking the time out of your hectic life for these kids. You're the best, you and your staff!! If you're ever questioning why or whether or not this is appreciated, please don't as it sure is by all of us.

All the best,

Denise

Logan thoroughly enjoyed being a part of SARAS this summer. He said the speakers were interesting and informative. He loved how he learned about different fields in medicine. He wasn't sure if he enjoyed you or lunch better :-). Thank you for making this a memorable summer.

Donna

Hello Dr. Pentyala,

Thank you very much for coordinating a wonderful program to help lots of kids. I am glad that my son, Eric, enjoyed this program very much. He told me he learned a lot and wants to be a doctor in the future. He also encouraged his younger brother to attend this program next summer! :) Also, thank you for always keeping us informed. Have a great summer!

Regards,

Fangyu

Esther's experience with Saras has been uplifting and edifying. She very much enjoyed the program because of its variety. She would often speak about the diverse professionals who came into the program to speak about their specialty. They were interesting and buoyed a voracious interest in her mind for medicine. She was also touched by their dedication for laying aside their regular routines to lecture to high-school students. Professionalism and service-minded. As any parent, they are always concerned about their children and if they had enough to eat when they have had a full day. My concerns were unrealized when Esther came home and said: "I had Chinese food, I had Burger king. There were terrific sandwiches." She came home filled so a hearty thanks to SARAS meal coordinators for filling her stomach with good meals. Esther wishes to be a physician one day and Esther expressed that this was a heartening experience that is unforgettable and fueled her interest further in the medical field. It was very well worth the commute, money and time.

- Bini

Good Morning Dr. Pentyala,

Thank you very much for the efforts you put in in getting these kids started and look towards the future. Per my son, Fadil, it has been an experience that has made him to think about the future and is looking forward to cash upon the experience. He had only good and best things to say about you and the whole team. I really appreciate all the things and pains you took.

I want to thank you personally also. Thank you for everything.

Thank you

Best regards,

Farhat

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

I was so excited when my son was accepted into this program. He is going into 12th grade in September and for years has stated his dream of being in the medical field. Over the last two years he expressed interest in being an anesthesiologist. The SARAS program lectures were key in affirming that dream. Every day he came home describing what happened and all of the interesting topics discussed. He truly enjoyed being part of this program and being surrounded by such amazing people (both peers and doctors). He constantly spoke of you (Srini) and your brilliant sense of humor. I eagerly anticipated your emails, because I found them both informative and entertaining. I cannot thank the SBU faculty enough, especially you, because your leadership in arranging this program year-after-year is instrumental in its success. This

program is just one example of how much SBU gives back to the community. The fact that the staff volunteered to share information and inspire these students to foster a love of research, science, and the medical field is aspiring. As a parent, I was thrilled!

Frank pushes himself in school in hopes of being a Stony Brook University student after high school. He will be volunteering at the hospital in the very near future and hopes to be able to shadow someone, an anesthesiologist kindly offered and my son is elated for this wonderful opportunity. I always reinforce that life as a future medical student will be a long tough road, but he will touch so many lives along the way. The challenges do not seem to deter his drive to help others in this sense and that makes me even more proud of him.

I cannot express my gratitude enough to all involved! I want to personally thank you for all that you do in leading this program. I also want to thank all that volunteered to lecture and/or help with the day-to-day activities to make the program an amazing success. This was a wonderful opportunity for my son and he will never forget it. If anything it has further ignited his passion for medicine and his dream of being an SBU student after high school. Thank you for being inspirational!!!

Best Wishes, Denise

Saras is a very well organized program that caters to highly modified high school students. it allows them to truly explore career options in health care. The strength of the program is that the students get exposed to a range of careers in health care. This is very important. They are introduced to true innovation within the field which will hopefully motivate them and show them how exciting a career can be. A series of hands on experiences are introduced and the students can get a feeling for the challenges in our field. Students asked questions and had ideas. I also liked the idea that they visited the Veterans Home. I think citizenship and empathy is an important part of health care. My daughter came away from this course excited about medicine. She had learned so much more about this career option and was already quite knowledgeable going into the course because she has 5 generations of physicians and still she got a lot out of this and I am glad that she took the course. I cannot think of a better and more educational experience.

Parent of Gili

Kevin's past summer camps filled with sweat, muddy, and dirty stuff. This summer camp looks like different, he began to talk about how dirty about your iphone comparing to toilet. And I remember one day, he told me he can't sleep because he was worried about the dirty mattress the whole night. I actually laughed at him. I think he is over-reacting. But it does intrigue my interest to read the materials he brought home from camp. I did not read all the materials. I did read the material about clean your iphone. I think cleaning up your iphone should be a good habit to prevent illness. I think this camp does make him become more and more interested in science, especially about medical science. It is a good experience for him as well as for me. I really appreciate SARAS's staff dedicated effort to give kids a valuable summer camp. Thanks.

Kevin's Parents

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

We were pleasantly surprised to find out how much Ethan loved the SARAS program. There were many presentations that he found very interesting, including the seminars on urology, respiratory therapy, and maxillofacial surgery. He found the presentations to be engaging and difficult subject matter was made easy to digest. Ethan especially appreciated the humor that was incorporated into every session. Also, he told us that he was able to administer CPR properly on his first try, which made him feel very confident. While the academic portion of the program was rigorous, he liked that there was an opportunity for him to play sports, games, and have free time to get to know the other students. This allowed him to be exposed to different personalities and cultures. Ethan made friends with a few of the other students, some of which, he will remain in contact with. The residence hall managers also were very helpful and friendly. Overall, the staff and administrators were excellent, but we would especially like to thank you for the email updates, photos, college resources, and humorous tidbits.

Parents of Ethan

SARAS has continued to be a wonderful program. Six years ago I sent my oldest son here and now this summer I sent my youngest son. It has been a pleasure to know that the students have doubled in this time and the program has become very successful in this time. My son loved the program and learned lots from it. Exposing him to all things related to medicine has only encouraged his dream to become a doctor. He has learned a lot about the many different professions and now has a good idea what he wants to do. Thank you very much for having him come this year. It has been very beneficial for him. SARAS has been a wonderful experience for another one of my sons yet again.

Farhana

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

Thank you so much for 3 wonderful weeks, my daughter Laura came home every day happy enthuse, inquisitive and could not wait for the next day to start. Thank you for opening her eyes to the wonderful possibilities that Stony Brook or any number of schools can offer. We never met but reading your emails daily shows me you are a very caring person who loves to share and for that I really want to say thank you.

Alden

Dear Dr. Srinivas Pentyala,

Thank you for letting my son participate in this program. We absolutely enjoyed the program and especially the dorming. He found that there was more bonding among participants who stayed at the dorms. They were able to discuss career's exchange ideas and experiences. I love that I was given daily report. I was able to then follow up with my son and ask him more detailed questions. I absolutely loved the photos and the videos. I'm not quite sure there's anything I can suggest to improve program. Just keep up the great work.

Irma

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

My daughter, Natalie, loved the SARAS program! To know that she enjoyed this program is very nice because I know that it was always because of your efforts to make SARAS both fun and enriching. Thank you so much for giving students the chance to attend a great program like SARAS in a prestigious scientific institution like Stony Brook, and I'm quite grateful that she was able to experience this. Thank you!

~Jade

As a parent, I could not ask for more. We were searching for something to give direction and motivation to our son, and we got that at SARAS. He had fun, learnt so much about the medical field, had an idea of college and dorm life, made new friends and of course, made his parents proud. It was super fantastic to talk to him about his experience each day!

Thank you Dr. Pentyala for such a great opportunity. Enjoy the rest of your Summer!

Jacqueline

Dr. Pentyala

I would like to thank you for your SARAS program. Back in December we began looking for a summer program for my son Richie (the new Bollywood dancer!!) I thought for sure he would chose one of the other science research/medical "camps." He said, "this SARAS program looks interesting, I can get some ideas for my research paper." I replied yes, but it looks like it's just different lectures everyday (I'm thinking- boring). "Yes, exactly," he said, "I can learn a little about many different things." Not to bore you with a personal long story but I believe this year Richie was at a crossroads in his young life, perhaps not making the best decisions.....

This program was perfect timing for him and me..... I didn't hear from him the first few days. Eventually he texted that he was having a great time and making a lot of new friends.

He stayed at the dorms but came home on Friday afternoons because he has a job at the local pool on Saturdays and didn't want to miss that. On the drive home the first Friday afternoon (about a hour ride) he talked the whole way!!!! He hasn't talked to us like that since he was a little. :) The highlights that week were:

he told us facts regarding urology (kidney stones and other facts I cant remember but he thought it was very interesting) and he also told us about this hand doctor who invented this injection by chance for some condition of the hand and we were like "dupengers contracture?"

The second week, he was going to take the train home, but my husband wanted to pick him up from the program because he was hoping Rich would share that weeks stories. Some highlights that second week were visit with the Veterans, a lecture about germs are everywhere, "even on drapes!!" and his new dancing/movie career!

Another highlight that 2nd week was the lecture on proteomics he thought was super interesting and may do a research project on that.

I want you know how I looked forward to checking my email everyday at 4:00 for the last three weeks to hear what was learned and the highlights of the day. I loved your emails. :)

(That's pretty much how I found out what was happened that day)

I appreciate the way you interact with the young people. They respect, admire and relate to you! Not many people can do that!!! I was asking my son Oh Dr. Srinivas is an anesthesiologist? Yes, but he is so much more Mom, he said..... he has published so many papers, has patents and inventions and involved in projects.....

I feel very blessed and lucky that Rich was able to participate in this program. What a great experience to be exposed to all these professionals who share their knowledge and time. I'm grateful for the warmth and generosity of spirit of you and your staff...not to mention the RA's at the dorm. (In addition the SAT prep and med school information is so great of you to include - Rich will go to testtakers in Garden City)

Thank you again!!

Sincerely,

Jeannie

Hello Srini,

Hope you are doing well and are back in routine after the extra activity of SARAS that kept you busy for few weeks. Sorry to be a few days late in getting this to you but better late than never :) Just wanted to write you on what change SARAS brought about in our daughter Shaili and the extraordinary experience she had. She came home every night so excited about what she did during that day, the people she met, the things she learned, and of course, the food she ate. Listening to her go on and on re: her routine, it almost felt like we were attending the program with her. Before the program, she didn't know what to expect or how she will sit through the program, but by the time the program ended, she did not want it to end! She also learned a lot about variety of science and medicine field that she only had heard the names of earlier, not to mention she picked up a lot of medical terms. Thanks again for arranging this wonderful program and your untiring efforts to keep it running so smoothly and coordinated for so many years. Wish you all the success to keep it going in the future with same enthusiasm.

- Jaymin and Hina

Dear Mr. Pentyala,

My reflection of my son Michael's experience is one of pure positivity. He felt a connection to his team from day one. He said he felt like he knew these kids from the past. From the first day, he came home excited, happy and full of great information. He was enthusiastic about sharing what had learned in a lecture or performed in a workshop. He really loves the medical field. He had made some new friends and said he's sad it's over. I loved the organization of the program and the daily emails from you (even the emails prior to the program) were informational and funny. I found them very entertaining and well written; on their level. I felt the excitement and enthusiasm through the words. I felt the emails were real and down to earth as you had the ability to connect with the students and parents. Thank you very much for this program. We are so grateful we had the opportunity to be part of it for three weeks. Wish it was longer.

Michael will be a senior and hopes to attend Stony Brook University as an undergraduate in the fall of 2018. He also volunteers in the hospital's radiology department. We have a community connection and would do whatever he can to be part of SBU!

Thank you again for all you've done.

Sincerely,

Jennifer

Dear Dr. Pentyala,

When we first enrolled our son, Jason an, into the SARAS 2017 program, Jason was not that thrilled. He had no plan to pursue a career in medicine because he got the impression from his older friends that medicine is kind of boring. It requires memorizing textbooks after textbooks and passing exams after exams to become a doctor. We asked him to keep an open mind and give it a try. What a difference SARAS made! Jason was able to meet many doctors in person and learned about their disciplines and challenges they are trying to solve. He realized that many doctors not only practice medicine but also lead cutting edge research to tackle the toughest problems we are facing. Jason also enjoyed the question/answer session in the lectures and showed off the stuffed animals he got to us and his brother. The lab sessions was hands on. It gives Jason a taste of what medicine and research really are. Thank you for organizing such a wonderful program!

Best regards,
Jianyu and Ying

Dear Srinivas,
Samantha enjoyed the 3-week so much and learned a lot on many subjects. In particular, she liked the contents, quality of the speakers and lecturers and all the camp activities. On many days Samantha got so excited about what she saw, learned and heard from the lectures and could not wait to share with us. She was very happy about the conditions of the dorm and the food at cafeteria. The cost for the camp is very reasonable (or in fact lower than we anticipated). Overall, the camp was a great experience for Samantha. Thanks.

Jerry

The SARAS program was a great learning experience for Kelly. I liked hearing from Kelly about the presentations on so many real world medical practices and procedures. It offered Kelly an opportunity to learn from professionals in a multitude of medical disciplines. Topics that she had studied in biology were brought to life in the SARS program exercises. Kelly mentioned that she was part of a student team and she made some new friends. Our thanks to the program director, the staff, students and all the presenters for making the program such a success.

Thomas (Kelly's father)
