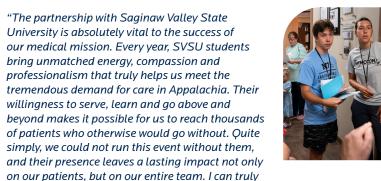
## SVSU PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS STUDENTS SUPPORT CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK



SVSU's pre-medical fraternity, Phi Delta Epsilon, includes pre-health students who annually raise over \$1,000 for the Children's Miracle Network. Here, the students met with Ryder, the 2025 Children's Miracle Network Champion for Hurley Medical Center — whose dream is to pursue police work. To make his day special, PhiDE arranged a surprise ride-along with SVSU Police. Ryder, joined by his dad and sister, is pictured here standing beside the officer who made the experience unforgettable.

# SVSU PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS STUDENTS TRAVEL TO SUPPORT A HEALTH CLINIC IN APPALACHIA











Guided by pre-health professions advisor Heidi Lang, every year SVSU pre-health professions students spend five days in the summer in rural Central Appalachia, gaining hands-on clinical experience with the St. Mary's Health Wagon, at one of the nation's largest free clinics. They assist with triage, dental and vision care, and patient support for the underserved population in Wise, Virginia. In 2025, a pre-veterinary student assisted at the new drive-

through veterinary clinic.

#### - Dr. Paula Hill-Collins,

Vice President/Chief Clinical Director of the Health Wagon

say this partnership is vital for us to reach patients

who otherwise would go without care."

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# CARDINALS STAND OUT

# PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS



100%

SVSU students have had a 100% acceptance rate to pharmacy and optometry schools for 10+ years.

85%

SVSU students had an 85% acceptance rate to medical schools in 2025.

**83**%

SVSU students have had an 83% average acceptance rate to dental school for the past 5 years.



The health care field is filled with opportunity, and you can take your first steps to exploring the possibilities at SVSU. As a student in SVSU's prehealth professions program, you will pair classroom instruction with experiential learning, preparing you to meet the rigorous requirements of top graduate schools. And you'll be guided along the way by people who are committed to helping you succeed.

# SVSU PROGRAMS IN PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS

**Pre-Chiropractic Medicine** 

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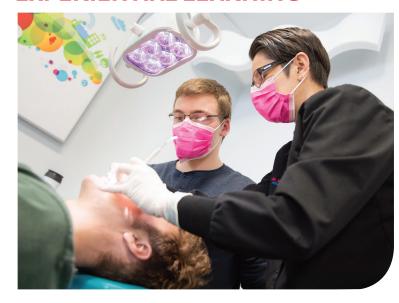
**Pre-Physician Assistant** 

**Pre-Podiatry** 

**Pre-Veterinary Medicine** 

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#### **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**



SVSU pre-dental students benefit from the Dr. Jessica Bentoski Pre-Dental Scholarship, helping cover application costs and opening doors to top dental schools.



SVSU pre-veterinary students gain hands-on experience at Great Lakes Pet Emergencies, assisting with patient care and learning alongside local veterinary professionals.

# A PATHWAY FROM SVSU TO MEDICAL SCHOOL WITH OUR EARLY **ASSURANCE**

SVSU has Early Assurance Program partnerships with medical schools at Central Michigan University, Michigan State University and Wayne State University. These partnerships allow SVSU students to apply and receive acceptance to medical school earlier than others applying across the U.S. As a pre-medical student, you benefit from MCAT study preparation, internship opportunities around the country and faculty research relationships to develop your skills for the medical field.

We have saved seats for SVSU araduates to these medical schools



College of Human Medicine MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY





# **CONTACT YOUR** PRE-HEALTH ADVISOR



Heidi Lang, Pre-Health Professions Advisor hblang@svsu.edu

Heidi brings years of experience and leadership as a former president of the Central Association of Advisors for the Health Professions. Her experience allows her to connect students with graduate programs nationwide. She advises on course requirements, necessary clinical and community service experiences and helps students decide between medical fields. Heidi also coordinates mock interviews with SVSU staff and faculty to prepare students for their professional school interviews.

## SVSU PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS ALUM



Dr. Emily (Baker) Berens, PharmD. Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Corewell Health, Zeeland Family Medicine

At SVSU Emily was a biology major, four-year captain of the women's golf team, president of the Student Athlete Advisory and a chemistry researcher.



Theodore Berlanga, **DVM.** Small Animal Rotating Intern at Cornell University Hospital for Animals, New York

At SVSU Theodore the Honors Program, a Roberts Fellow, a veterinary assistant at Great Lakes Pet Sexuality and Gender



was a biology major, in president of the Health Professions Association Emergencies, intern in the theatre department and an officer with the Spectrum Alliance.



**Nathan Hankerson** 4th vear Medical Student at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine

At SVSU Nathan was a biology major, a Roberts Fellow, varsity football player, biology researcher, neurosurgery and family practice medical scribe, a peer advisor for international students, and he studied abroad.



Madison and Matthew both attended SVSU's Pre-health professions program. After graduation they married, and both are thriving in their medical and dental careers.

Matthew Thomas, DO, Academic Chief Resident Corewell Health Trenton/ Dearborn

At SVSU Matthew was a business administration major, a varsity football player and a Nexteer Automotive intern

Madison (Shumate) Thomas, DDS, Dentist at JSP Dental, Trenton

At SVSU Madison was a health sciences major, an Alumni Relations intern and nominated Student Employee of the Year, and she was a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha and a dental clerk at Great Lakes Bay Health Migrant Fluoride Program.

# SVSU PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS ALUM



Dr. Derek Williams. **OD.** Director of Vision Services, Great Lakes **Bay Health Centers** 

At SVSU Derek was a biology major, organic chemistry researcher. pre-optometry senator in the **Health Professions** Association. intramural volleyball and basketball and a vision screener for SVSU varsity athletes.



Pre-health professions alumni from SVSU's classes of 2019 and 2020, all of whom are now physicians, entered medical school through SVSU's Early Assurance Program pathway

Left to right: Aiden Van Loo (CMU), Bayley Pfau (MSUCHM), Emily Beardsley (MSUCHM), Kathleen Murphy (CMU), Darby Richards (WSU), Tyler Sadilek (MSUCHM), Garrett Richardson (CMU), Katelyn Hartupee-Malett (MSUCHM), Caitlin Coulter (CMU) and Anh (Wendy) Pham (CMU).

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